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1983 Retail Sales for Alabama

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Estimates of 1983 retail sales for Alabama and the state's sixty-seven counties have been released by the Center for Business and Economic Research. Retail sales estimates for 1983 appear in a special table on Page 2 of this issue. In total, retail sales estimates for 1983 reflect a modest increase over 1982 estimates. All sales at retail in 1983 for the state are estimated at $22,264 million, which represents a 4.7 percent increase over the 1982 total.

CBER compiles retail sales estimates from data supplied by the Alabama Department of Revenue. The Revenue Department provides the amount of sales for each firm with retail sales in the state as reported on the monthly sales tax return. Therefore, estimates of retail sales are based on sales levels and not on the amount of sales tax paid. CBER compiles the data by county and by category of sales and reviews the results for accuracy and completeness.

A number of factors limit the comparability of 1983 and 1982 retail sales estimates. First, the 1983 data are preliminary while the 1982 data are revised. The most common source of revisions is incomplete reports, which result when firms fail to file a sales tax return for one or more months. Sales estimates are revised as these reports subsequently are filed. Another type of revision may occur after the Revenue Department audits a firm's sales tax returns. In general, revisions tend to raise preliminary estimates of sales.

A second factor limiting comparability between 1983 and 1982 is a result of the Revenue Department's simplifying the sales tax return form. The new form in comparison to the old is similar to the 1040A "short form" for individual federal income tax in comparison to the regular 1040 "long form." Use of the abbreviated sales tax return began for sales made in April 1983.

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Retail Sales for Alabama, Metropolitan Statistical Areas, and Counties, 1983

Type of Activity*	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Retail sales by kind of business, state totals *($1,000,000)*													
Food	291	290	309	323	322	331	348	332	332	332	315	341	3,865
Gen'l Stores w/food and gas	23	22	26	27	28	29	30	29	28	27	26	27	323
Gen'l merchandise	150	150	192	204	192	183	212	220	214	226	275	400	2,618
Apparel	33	32	46	45	44	42	41	47	48	46	50	78	551
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	40	41	49	49	53	56	56	60	58	57	57	67	642
Automotive	208	223	284	282	301	311	301	311	291	285	272	274	3,342
Gasoline service stations	85	81	95	88	100	96	90	92	89	81	77	79	1,052
Lumber and building materials	54	56	73	75	87	91	92	105	102	102	93	85	1,016
Hardware and farm implements	23	24	34	34	38	40	36	38	38	40	36	35	417
Eating Places	83	88	101	100	104	104	110	111	108	108	100	106	1,223
Drug stores	37	39	39	40	42	36	38	39	37	39	39	48	473
All other retail	160	162	201	198	237	237	213	231	230	227	220	295	2,611
Total sales by retail	1,187	1,208	1,449	1,464	1,548	1,555	1,568	1,614	1,574	1,572	1,560	1,835	18,132
Nonretail and unclassified	291	279	346	336	368	382	357	369	363	359	331	350	4,131
Total all sales at retail	1,478	1,487	1,795	1,800	1,916	1,936	1,925	1,983	1,937	1,931	1,891	2,185	22,264
Retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties *($1,000)*													
MSAs													
Anniston	30,229	31,220	37,709	37,513	39,286	42,495	48,802	50,569	48,364	48,450	47,944	55,789	518,370
Birmingham	404,068	405,110	495,648	489,869	510,632	523,278	514,087	544,695	531,880	529,991	513,170	586,922	6,049,350
Dothan	40,663	40,075	48,440	49,910	51,950	53,168	62,266	65,165	60,889	61,418	59,945	68,200	662,089
Florence	34,887	35,931	44,462	45,410	47,893	48,888	60,564	62,286	60,664	59,552	60,346	70,318	631,201
Gadsden	28,122	27,944	33,265	33,395	37,376	38,819	46,475	48,892	46,279	47,257	45,242	51,963	485,029
Huntsville	63,349	64,916	75,963	75,444	84,248	85,697	99,734	106,430	105,011	104,444	101,352	117,310	1,083,898
Mobile	142,525	139,748	170,025	170,760	183,832	189,936	225,700	229,428	220,383	219,756	220,578	254,919	2,367,590
Montgomery	88,092	91,426	107,611	110,045	116,508	119,581	140,724	148,682	141,354	140,392	140,151	165,278	1,509,844
Tuscaloosa	43,417	41,737	49,282	50,013	52,120	55,509	60,727	65,246	64,254	62,941	62,214	70,453	677,913
Counties													
Autauga	7,904	8,364	9,766	9,579	10,222	10,871	9,732	9,493	8,977	9,089	8,330	9,707	112,034
Baldwin	21,223	21,810	27,273	27,518	30,712	32,395	39,382	37,759	33,665	32,452	31,534	35,295	371,018
Barbour	4,487	4,541	5,091	5,366	6,409	5,659	7,026	6,918	6,974	7,033	6,941	8,173	74,618
Bibb	2,134	1,988	2,306	2,381	2,466	2,642	4,016	4,135	3,865	4,103	4,105	4,974	39,115
Blount	5,787	5,817	6,763	6,254	6,901	7,227	7,966	8,303	8,409	8,391	8,133	8,525	88,476
Bullock	2,090	2,154	2,347	2,873	2,689	2,792	3,047	2,758	2,977	3,077	2,462	3,267	32,533
Butler	4,941	4,743	5,309	5,364	5,924	5,792	7,568	7,599	7,403	7,120	7,103	8,421	77,287
Calhoun	30,229	31,220	37,709	37,513	39,286	42,495	48,802	50,569	48,364	48,450	47,944	55,789	518,370
Chambers	7,130	6,989	8,423	8,189	8,649	8,499	10,986	11,001	10,846	11,061	11,988	11,711	115,472
Cherokee	3,439	3,697	4,595	4,741	4,862	5,251	5,211	4,662	4,703	5,081	4,513	4,968	55,723
Chilton	6,238	6,094	7,763	8,323	8,720	8,927	10,084	10,067	9,527	9,660	9,617	11,198	106,218
Choctaw	3,518	3,254	3,678	3,755	3,881	3,652	4,230	4,163	4,048	4,060	4,080	4,889	47,208
Clark	7,263	6,711	7,822	8,410	8,433	8,565	10,490	9,813	8,712	9,156	9,662	10,969	106,006
Clay	2,041	2,004	2,185	2,433	2,076	2,334	2,518	2,764	2,392	2,636	2,471	3,195	29,049
Cleburne	2,013	1,982	2,407	2,568	2,618	2,699	2,653	2,514	2,646	2,745	2,416	2,660	29,917
Coffee	10,996	11,510	13,656	13,916	15,235	14,965	17,227	17,120	16,884	17,117	16,350	19,444	184,420
Colbert	15,690	15,956	19,103	20,472	21,881	22,350	26,372	27,187	27,023	25,912	24,634	27,741	274,320
Conecuh	2,331	2,652	2,968	3,327	3,353	3,399	3,937	4,053	3,975	4,055	4,042	4,429	42,521
Coosa	1,268	1,375	1,475	1,354	1,569	1,616	1,540	1,668	1,514	1,740	1,493	1,645	18,257
Covington	9,874	10,148	17,413	12,983	13,636	13,329	14,323	14,839	14,253	14,908	15,101	16,654	162,461
Crenshaw	2,515	2,725	2,957	3,339	3,400	3,600	3,285	3,264	3,151	3,270	3,065	3,382	37,952
Cullman	18,658	17,275	21,540	22,645	24,371	25,104	26,529	26,474	26,164	27,270	25,025	27,980	289,035
Dale	6,974	6,663	8,059	8,450	9,265	9,199	10,835	10,861	10,181	10,220	9,901	11,500	112,108
Dallas	12,420	12,341	14,697	15,721	17,285	17,384	19,676	20,909	19,412	19,854	19,661	22,765	212,125
DeKalb	10,222	10,360	12,382	13,070	13,630	15,007	17,060	17,155	16,710	17,687	16,312	18,648	178,243
Elmore	5,717	6,286	6,889	7,407	7,877	7,881	10,754	10,507	10,010	10,547	9,738	11,265	104,878
Escambia	9,690	9,717	12,008	11,981	12,870	13,096	14,469	15,020	13,952	15,180	14,371	16,703	159,057
Etowah	28,122	27,944	33,265	33,395	37,376	38,819	46,475	48,892	46,279	47,257	45,242	51,963	485,029
Fayette	6,419	6,144	7,627	7,436	7,809	8,057	7,172	7,453	7,242	6,973	7,194	8,449	87,975
Franklin	6,026	6,209	7,618	8,320	8,812	9,024	11,022	10,540	10,315	10,370	9,904	11,685	109,845
Geneva	12,536	11,897	12,848	13,497	14,304	13,751	14,083	14,440	13,779	13,735	15,026	14,819	164,715
Greene	1,412	1,395	1,803	1,722	2,281	2,193	2,354	2,050	2,173	2,285	2,172	2,115	23,955
Hale	2,409	2,631	2,988	3,182	3,357	3,297	3,623	3,355	3,500	3,798	3,398	3,704	39,242
Henry	2,779	2,767	3,403	3,884	4,027	3,920	3,894	3,715	3,973	4,160	3,417	4,197	44,136
Houston	33,689	33,412	40,381	41,460	42,685	43,969	51,431	54,304	50,708	51,198	50,044	56,700	549,981
Jackson	9,449	10,589	12,856	12,349	13,624	14,199	15,438	15,378	15,010	15,750	14,055	15,546	164,243
Jefferson	349,746	351,281	430,257	422,725	438,560	450,228	438,844	468,146	457,153	455,614	442,454	509,823	5,214,831
Lamar	2,807	2,537	2,923	3,168	3,481	3,490	3,662	3,993	3,932	4,139	3,389	4,093	41,614
Lauderdale	19,197	19,975	25,359	24,938	26,012	26,538	34,193	35,099	33,641	33,640	35,712	42,577	356,881
Lawrence	4,511	4,057	4,982	5,384	5,767	6,220	7,017	7,037	6,695	6,754	6,346	7,287	72,051
Lee	20,503	22,094	26,408	26,516	28,330	28,927	30,155	31,612	32,954	32,560	32,329	37,798	350,186
Limestone	9,395	9,417	12,346	12,211	12,364	13,595	15,665	15,563	15,328	15,242	14,796	17,698	163,620
Lowndes	1,622	1,557	1,793	1,997	2,168	1,908	2,269	1,811	1,915	2,040	2,155	2,362	23,597
Macon	2,790	2,985	3,369	3,655	3,935	3,855	5,051	4,832	4,497	4,465	4,079	4,224	47,737
Madison	63,349	64,916	75,963	75,444	84,248	85,697	99,734	106,430	105,011	104,444	101,352	117,310	1,083,898
Marengo	5,683	5,672	6,959	6,602	6,561	6,556	7,443	7,213	6,865	7,427	7,413	8,620	83,014
Marion	5,540	5,129	6,255	6,762	7,395	7,461	9,303	9,023	9,246	9,239	8,931	11,215	95,499
Marshall	19,405	20,246	24,859	26,597	27,570	27,314	32,062	31,877	31,312	31,183	31,209	34,894	338,528
Mobile	121,302	117,938	142,752	143,242	153,120	157,541	186,318	191,669	186,718	187,304	189,044	219,624	1,996,572
Monroe	6,604	7,121	8,792	9,006	9,228	9,398	10,163	11,500	10,829	12,022	12,913	13,249	120,825
Montgomery	74,471	76,776	90,956	93,059	98,409	100,829	120,238	128,682	122,367	120,756	122,083	144,306	1,292,932
Morgan	26,653	27,844	33,749	34,468	35,975	37,866	44,126	46,581	46,027	45,388	44,927	52,072	475,676
Perry	1,949	1,974	2,163	2,396	2,539	2,427	2,593	2,569	2,925	2,626	2,499	2,793	29,453
Pickens	3,423	3,262	4,006	4,724	5,122	4,724	4,937	4,869	4,426	4,624	4,329	4,991	53,437
Pike	5,680	6,112	7,723	8,460	9,488	8,504	9,581	10,624	10,181	10,041	10,179	11,562	108,135
Randolph	4,376	4,483	5,396	5,143	5,399	5,249	5,740	5,760	6,193	6,227	5,514	8,011	68,491
Russell	6,991	7,378	8,713	9,123	9,867	9,634	11,166	12,114	10,994	11,183	11,240	12,732	121,135
St. Clair	8,139	9,021	10,909	10,993	12,454	13,135	13,727	13,401	12,765	11,551	11,382	12,713	140,190
Shelby	19,257	18,388	23,930	25,836	27,276	27,952	24,970	25,978	25,982	26,581	23,629	24,785	294,564
Sumter	2,474	2,552	2,844	2,851	2,952	3,037	3,256	3,380	3,246	3,309	3,246	3,922	37,069
Talladega	16,880	16,090	19,153	18,967	22,549	20,969	25,076	24,435	23,829	23,591	22,714	27,380	261,633
Tallapoosa	9,408	9,692	11,247	12,116	12,766	12,970	14,069	13,756	13,836	13,360	12,774	15,133	151,127
Tuscaloosa	43,417	41,737	49,282	50,013	52,120	55,509	60,727	65,246	64,254	62,941	62,214	70,453	677,913
Walker	21,139	20,603	23,789	24,061	25,441	24,736	28,580	28,867	27,571	27,854	27,572	31,076	311,289
Washington	2,215	2,029	2,691	2,253	2,422	2,302	2,584	2,348	2,408	2,178	2,086	2,696	28,212
Wilcox	2,586	2,727	3,121	3,029	3,088	3,082	3,376	3,393	3,301	3,292	3,201	4,497	38,693
Winston	4,440	4,495	5,502	5,866	6,102	6,664	7,329	7,926	7,208	7,629	7,243	8,405	78,809
Statewide	272,504	275,628	332,401	323,274	350,335	333,971	165,852	155,550	163,657	154,522	149,158	181,666	2,858,518

*Please see footnote 11 on Page 7. All MSA data by July 1983 definitions. Please see text for other restrictions.

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1983								1984				
	1982	1983	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	25,869	23,071	1,907	1,759	1,667	2,004	1,937	2,150	2,044	1,849	2,181	2,434	2,518	2,211	2,327
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	133,892	126,576	10,399	10,301	10,189	10,541	9,028	10,409	10,453	9,407	10,962	11,264	10,750	11,386	11,920
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	320,808	360,820	31,724	32,494	24,507	33,557	31,394	30,597	29,370	28,336	28,600	31,542	29,964	27,510	30,176
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	20,011	18,708	1,564	1,525	1,596	1,592	1,435	1,522	1,569	1,499	1,624	1,578	1,590	1,533	1,673
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	21,431	21,020	1,753	1,797	1,756	1,963	1,892	1,818	1,799	1,698	1,827	1,958	1,919	1,983	2,005
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	5,419	6,166	556	554	561	505	511	559	510	479	532	526	580	571	525
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,011,200	2,768,800	269,800	332,400	161,000	219,900	242,200	278,600	291,000	211,000	228,400	159,700	244,600	174,300	571,700
Residential	847,200	1,294,300	109,900	125,800	101,800	101,300	162,200	138,100	97,300	96,000	98,300	82,200	125,100	104,500	117,500
Nonresidential	660,000	1,017,500	118,300	117,300	44,600	73,300	45,400	108,000	162,000	82,800	112,300	36,300	66,600	47,500	92,500
Public works and utilities	504,000	471,500	41,600	103,900	14,700	45,400	34,400	32,700	31,400	32,200	17,700	41,300	52,900	22,300	361,300
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	928	1,086	85	116	102	116	101	108	92	67	68	87	108	100	112
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	4,598	5,263	4,993	5,063	5,096	5,123	5,158	5,191	5,204	5,263	5,289	5,323	5,389	5,387	5,416
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,112,332	2,288,165	218,607	189,144	173,150	191,429	219,553	186,326	221,579	154,139	205,929	202,747	264,652	234,338	246,438
Franchise	52,016	52,214	1,145	2,777	7,524	2,253	7,300	4,430	1,980	507	302	1,153	28,642	5,879	1,275
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	197,894	199,587	16,303	17,158	17,252	17,182	17,874	16,536	16,469	16,044	18,417	16,305	15,305	17,523	17,585
Income	765,160	815,838	108,834	80,633	36,785	81,341	81,667	38,160	83,559	53,073	49,125	95,328	130,393	82,889	130,465
Motor fuels	41,505	45,027	3,901	3,136	3,206	4,195	3,383	4,189	5,673	3,906	3,415	4,409	3,448	3,899	4,703
Oil/gas privilege	36,891	89,645	6,447	6,193	5,131	5,298	5,168	5,106	34,115	4,424	5,742	5,924	5,475	5,164	5,571
Oil/gas production	18,510	17,290	1,823	1,541	1,319	1,319	1,331	1,314	1,339	1,146	1,465	1,565	1,442	1,384	1,480
Sales	562,208	609,132	52,546	52,347	51,650	52,961	51,526	51,888	53,500	49,930	67,569	49,655	50,142	55,808	56,985
2.2% Gross receipts	44,104	46,185	110	48	10,738	61	3,548	10,134	63	6	13,504	152	9	13,448	210
TVA electric	35,999	31,290	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,911	2,867	....	2,867	5,734	....	2,867	2,867	2,867
Tobacco	70,885	68,915	5,599	6,536	6,035	5,426	5,906	6,030	5,454	6,081	5,485	4,965	5,418	5,734	6,072
Use	67,876	66,519	1,239	816	14,707	1,097	643	15,021	1,389	459	15,067	1,975	1,045	15,351	2,019
Utility	134,597	152,287	11,461	10,751	10,617	11,747	12,838	22,053	11,324	11,079	14,760	15,900	13,171	11,714	9,654
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	288.8	298.4	297.1	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5	305.2	306.6	307.3	308.8	309.7
Food	285.7	291.7	292.4	292.0	292.0	292.2	292.6	292.9	292.5	293.9	299.4	302.1	302.2	302.3	301.4
Housing	314.7	323.1	321.8	323.1	324.5	324.8	326.4	326.8	327.0	327.4	329.2	331.0	331.5	333.2	334.6
Fuel and utilities	350.8	370.3	369.3	373.6	375.5	375.1	376.4	374.4	371.3	370.6	376.0	383.0	380.1	380.9	385.5
Apparel and upkeep	191.8	196.5	196.1	195.6	195.0	197.3	200.4	200.7	200.7	199.3	196.4	196.2	198.8	199.2	198.9
Transportation	291.5	298.4	296.2	298.3	300.4	302.4	303.7	305.0	306.3	306.3	306.0	305.8	306.9	309.6	312.2
Medical care	328.7	357.3	354.3	355.4	357.7	360.0	361.2	362.9	364.9	366.2	369.5	373.2	374.5	375.7	376.8
Energy	416.0	419.3	421.3	427.3	430.1	429.8	429.3	425.1	419.9	418.0	416.7	420.2	418.1	421.3	426.1
Producer Price Index, U.S.[6] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	299.3	303.1	301.5	302.4	303.2	304.7	305.3	306.0	305.5	306.1	308.0	308.9	311.1	330.4	311.7
Industrial commodities	312.3	315.7	313.6	315.3	316.5	317.3	317.1	316.5	318.3	318.4	319.1	320.6	321.9	322.5	323.3
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers *(1977 = 100)*	115.8	122.1	120.0	119.0	120.0	126.0	126.0	124.0	131.0	133.0	140.0	138.0	138.0	138.0	134.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)* As measured by															
Consumer prices	.346	.335	.337	.335	.334	.333	.331	.330	.330	.329	.328	.326	.325	.324	.323
Wholesale prices	.334	.330	.332	.331	.330	.328	.328	.327	.327	.327	.325	.324	.321	.303	.321
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[7]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,713.0	1,744.8	1,729.4	1,732.2	1,758.3	1,746.2	1,745.3	1,774.6	1,774.9	1,732.8	1,754.8	1,759.6	1,765.8	1,777.0	1,777.0
Unemployment	247.0	235.1	225.0	222.2	232.0	214.3	214.5	220.7	223.1	197.0	238.4	227.9	218.0	197.1	185.5
Unemployment rate	14.4	13.5	13.0	12.8	13.2	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.6	11.4	13.6	13.0	12.3	11.1	10.4
Employment	1,466.0	1,509.7	1,504.4	1,510.0	1,526.3	1,531.9	1,530.8	1,553.9	1,551.8	1,535.8	1,516.4	1,531.7	1,547.8	1,579.9	1,591.5
Nonagricultural	1,312.5	1,318.4	1,320.9	1,331.6	1,332.0	1,323.7	1,326.5	1,334.8	1,336.6	1,338.8	1,324.4	1,330.2	1,333.0	1,345.7	1,348.8
Manufacturing	337.8	338.2	337.8	340.9	337.4	344.8	345.5	346.0	346.3	345.6	344.6	345.2	346.6	351.1	351.8
Durable goods	159.1	157.6	157.3	157.6	157.9	160.9	161.1	161.9	162.6	162.2	161.9	162.9	165.4	167.0	167.5
Lumber and wood products	25.1	27.6	27.7	28.5	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.6	28.4	28.3	27.8	28.2	28.8	28.9	29.0
Stone, clay, glass products	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.8	9.1	9.0
Primary metals	29.6	24.8	25.0	24.7	24.3	24.9	24.5	24.6	24.6	24.8	25.2	25.2	26.2	26.2	26.4
Blast furn. and steel works	8.8	5.7	6.0	6.1	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.5	6.1	6.6	7.1	7.7	7.7	7.8
Iron and steel foundries	11.4	10.5	10.3	10.3	10.4	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.5	9.9	10.0	9.6	10.0	10.1	10.2
Fabricated metals	22.8	21.7	21.5	21.4	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.4	22.4	22.0	22.2	22.2	22.4	22.4
Machinery (excl. electrical)	....	14.8	14.7	15.0	14.9	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.6	15.9	15.9	16.1
Electrical, electronic equip.	....	21.4	21.2	21.5	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.0	22.3	22.3	22.5	22.9	22.9	23.2	23.3
Transportation	22.6	21.5	21.2	19.9	20.2	21.8	22.0	22.6	22.7	22.4	22.5	22.6	22.9	23.3	23.4
Other durable goods	16.0	17.2	17.2	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.8	17.9	18.2	18.1	17.9	17.5	17.7	18.0	17.9
Nondurable goods	178.8	180.6	180.5	183.3	179.5	183.9	184.4	184.1	183.7	183.4	182.7	182.3	181.2	184.1	184.3
Food	26.5	26.9	26.8	27.2	27.3	27.4	27.4	27.5	27.2	27.1	26.9	26.5	26.5	26.7	26.8
Textile mill products	38.8	39.1	38.8	39.6	37.6	39.6	40.2	40.3	40.3	40.4	40.4	40.3	40.4	40.4	40.2
Apparel	53.0	54.3	54.4	55.6	53.8	55.4	56.0	55.5	55.4	55.1	54.4	54.7	53.6	55.7	56.2
Paper and allied products	21.0	21.4	21.4	21.8	21.9	22.1	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.3	21.1	20.8	21.2	21.0
Printing and publishing	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.8	10.7
Chemicals and allied products	13.1	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.5	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.9
Rubber products	13.8	14.6	14.7	14.7	14.8	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.4
Other nondurable goods	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	974.7	980.1	983.1	990.7	994.6	978.9	981.0	988.8	990.3	993.2	979.8	985.0	986.4	994.6	997.0
Mining and quarrying	16.2	13.6	13.4	13.6	13.7	13.6	12.9	13.3	13.6	13.5	13.1	13.8	13.7	13.9	14.0
Bituminous coal mining	12.1	10.3	10.2	10.3	10.5	10.4	9.7	10.1	10.4	9.5	9.1	9.8	9.6	9.9	9.9
Contract construction	56.8	59.4	59.3	61.6	62.0	62.6	62.7	62.6	63.0	62.4	60.1	60.7	60.4	62.6	63.3
Trans., comm., and utilities	71.1	69.7	70.1	70.9	70.7	64.6	70.7	71.3	70.9	71.1	70.6	71.3	71.6	71.4	71.9
Trade	267.4	271.0	269.3	272.5	272.7	273.0	273.7	275.5	278.0	282.1	273.9	272.9	274.1	277.5	278.8
Wholesale	70.0	69.7	69.2	70.3	70.2	70.3	70.4	70.6	70.8	70.7	70.8	71.2	71.3	71.6	71.7
Retail	197.4	201.3	200.1	202.2	202.5	202.7	203.3	204.9	207.2	211.4	203.1	201.7	202.8	205.9	207.1
Finance, insurance, real estate	58.8	59.4	59.3	60.1	60.3	60.2	59.8	59.6	59.6	59.6	59.8	60.0	60.3	60.6	61.1
Service and miscellaneous	214.4	217.8	218.0	219.8	219.8	219.8	219.7	219.6	218.6	218.3	216.3	218.3	219.2	220.4	220.0
Government	290.1	289.2	293.7	292.2	295.4	285.1	281.5	286.9	286.6	286.2	286.0	288.0	287.1	288.2	287.9
Federal	65.1	64.6	64.5	65.4	65.5	65.4	64.9	64.3	64.1	64.0	63.9	63.7	63.6	63.9	64.2
State and local	224.9	224.6	229.2	226.8	229.9	219.7	216.6	222.6	222.5	222.2	222.1	224.3	223.5	224.3	223.7

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983								1984				
	1982	1983	May	June	July	Aug	Sept.	Oct	Nov	Dec.	Jan.	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	176,752	207,309	18,495	21,778	20,987	19,505	17,884	14,485	14,784	11,998	17,938	16,014	16,084	14,672	17,512
Nonagricultural placements	66,900	91,100	6,942	10,753	15,126	10,484	7,499	7,117	6,071	5,114	5,741	5,509	6,477	7,082	7,314
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	632,290	428,181	26,892	25,293	49,017	29,803	24,506	27,873	28,728	35,738	75,004	29,677	28,150	24,214	25,009
Payments *($1,000)*	233,984	191,868	14,783	14,873	13,217	15,186	13,556	11,656	12,540	13,999	18,452	15,901	15,566	11,949	13,048
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,080	15,780	15,890	15,930	15,770	15,590	15,610	15,710	15,680	15,460	15,530	15,420	15,460	15,600	15,560
	15.0	14.1	13.9	13.5	12.6	11.5	11.8	11.6	11.7	10.8	12.7	11.3	10.5	9.7	8.9
Baldwin	33,390	33,830	34,000	34,400	34,910	34,040	33,640	33,970	33,950	33,760	34,310	34,670	34,600	34,300	33,850
	12.1	12.3	12.4	11.4	12.6	11.3	11.3	11.0	11.3	11.8	14.0	13.7	12.6	10.3	8.8
Barbour	11,510	11,980	12,250	12,160	12,320	12,130	12,040	12,090	11,800	11,520	11,610	11,660	11,580	11,920	12,030
	16.2	13.1	12.7	12.7	13.3	12.8	11.1	10.9	10.9	10.8	13.0	12.2	10.2	9.6	9.1
Bibb	5,670	5,940	6,100	6,250	6,180	5,620	5,820	5,770	5,770	5,690	6,040	5,790	5,990	5,920	5,950
	22.8	19.6	19.0	17.6	17.2	16.2	17.9	15.0	15.4	18.0	25.3	20.0	19.6	19.1	16.8
Blount	14,050	13,520	13,960	13,690	13,680	13,440	13,510	13,730	13,130	12,890	12,870	13,020	13,200	13,290	13,360
	19.9	18.1	18.8	18.7	19.1	16.0	15.2	14.2	14.7	14.0	17.1	16.8	21.0	13.6	11.6
Bullock	4,480	4,530	4,510	4,590	4,690	4,720	4,770	4,820	4,660	4,410	4,230	4,250	4,250	4,390	4,510
	18.3	17.2	15.5	17.7	20.1	18.4	15.0	14.3	14.9	15.2	16.1	14.1	13.3	11.6	11.0
Butler	9,960	9,900	9,920	9,820	10,020	9,900	9,910	10,250	9,940	9,720	9,900	9,770	9,810	9,830	9,900
	20.3	17.3	17.8	18.2	17.9	15.9	14.0	15.2	13.3	12.0	16.7	15.5	15.1	13.2	12.6
Calhoun	45,620	46,560	46,800	47,050	47,340	46,910	46,350	46,850	46,310	46,520	47,170	47,220	47,470	47,820	47,820
	15.1	13.1	14.3	13.7	13.2	12.0	10.9	11.5	10.8	11.3	12.9	12.2	11.7	10.0	9.5
Chambers	16,280	16,920	16,940	17,290	17,460	17,230	16,790	17,070	16,880	16,760	16,760	16,850	16,950	17,050	17,160
	11.3	9.8	9.6	10.1	11.2	9.7	7.8	8.7	8.3	7.8	8.8	9.3	8.8	8.9	9.9
Cherokee	11,390	11,400	11,960	11,580	11,120	10,910	11,600	11,770	11,430	10,860	11,090	11,110	11,120	11,680	11,640
	14.8	15.4	12.6	12.9	19.4	17.4	9.7	13.4	10.2	11.1	14.5	17.4	20.8	11.3	11.2
Chilton	13,450	15,420	15,780	15,420	15,600	15,650	15,580	15,820	15,640	15,360	15,490	15,540	15,650	15,710	15,880
	15.6	13.3	14.0	12.6	12.0	11.5	10.9	10.3	10.7	10.5	12.7	11.7	11.7	11.1	10.4
Choctaw	5,280	5,560	5,730	5,590	5,830	5,570	5,430	5,510	5,440	5,500	5,610	5,650	5,660	5,650	5,670
	15.3	15.2	16.8	16.1	19.0	14.7	12.9	12.6	11.4	12.8	15.2	16.1	15.9	13.8	14.7
Clarke	10,450	10,810	10,840	11,240	11,090	10,800	10,580	10,620	10,580	10,560	10,870	10,680	10,780	10,640	10,650
	15.9	16.2	16.8	18.1	17.0	14.6	13.4	13.2	13.6	13.8	15.9	14.9	13.8	12.7	12.7
Clay	7,400	7,520	7,540	7,370	7,720	7,470	7,590	7,690	7,670	7,510	7,650	7,670	7,840	7,950	7,930
	13.5	13.8	15.8	15.2	17.4	12.9	11.8	11.3	11.3	10.7	12.3	11.8	10.8	9.8	10.3
Cleburne	5,080	5,210	5,290	5,190	5,180	5,050	5,290	5,280	5,190	5,160	5,090	5,100	5,130	5,150	5,120
	14.5	12.5	13.3	13.3	11.0	9.6	10.0	9.6	9.7	9.7	11.2	10.9	10.8	8.7	8.4
Coffee	19,410	20,040	20,370	20,190	20,360	20,320	20,440	20,340	20,020	19,700	19,430	20,030	20,030	20,120	20,240
	11.8	10.8	11.1	10.1	10.7	9.8	8.8	8.5	8.9	9.6	10.2	10.5	9.8	8.1	8.2
Colbert	23,620	24,050	24,390	24,270	24,490	24,040	23,600	23,710	23,500	23,520	23,760	24,310	24,140	24,310	23,880
	19.0	18.5	18.7	17.8	18.6	17.4	16.4	15.8	15.3	15.5	19.0	20.1	18.3	17.8	16.0
Conecuh	6,820	7,010	7,000	7,060	7,090	7,040	7,100	7,060	6,970	7,120	7,050	7,010	7,130	7,260	7,370
	13.9	12.7	12.9	12.3	12.3	11.1	12.6	11.7	12.3	13.7	13.7	14.1	12.6	11.1	10.0
Coosa	5,630	5,570	5,680	5,460	5,610	5,480	5,590	5,610	5,600	5,520	5,510	5,520	5,460	5,610	5,580
	10.8	10.3	11.7	10.6	11.6	9.5	8.1	7.7	8.2	7.8	9.0	8.8	7.8	7.5	6.5
Covington	15,630	16,340	16,600	16,530	16,710	16,690	16,590	16,580	16,500	16,160	16,280	16,570	16,360	16,370	16,370
	13.5	12.3	11.4	10.7	14.9	12.3	10.9	10.3	11.1	11.3	12.8	13.4	11.6	10.1	9.0
Crenshaw	6,830	7,220	7,460	7,410	7,790	7,340	7,570	7,640	7,250	6,820	6,750	6,810	6,920	7,170	7,440
	13.8	12.1	10.9	11.4	24.3	10.8	9.9	8.6	8.3	8.6	12.5	11.9	12.7	10.3	10.6
Cullman	27,400	28,710	29,370	28,960	29,190	28,570	29,050	29,480	28,830	28,050	28,430	28,700	29,070	29,160	29,300
	17.2	14.7	14.9	14.1	14.4	12.5	11.9	11.1	10.9	10.7	14.2	14.6	12.9	10.6	9.6
Dale	12,410	12,980	13,270	13,040	13,210	12,950	12,760	13,110	12,890	12,630	12,760	12,780	12,980	12,980	13,080
	13.1	13.7	13.8	13.4	14.2	12.6	11.6	11.8	12.1	11.5	12.8	13.3	13.7	11.4	11.0
Dallas	23,870	23,640	23,860	24,310	24,420	23,830	23,440	23,540	23,370	22,910	23,360	23,400	23,260	23,480	23,220
	17.3	17.5	17.8	17.2	18.0	16.3	15.5	15.2	15.3	14.7	17.0	16.6	15.6	15.5	14.3
DeKalb	28,460	29,950	30,370	30,700	31,260	30,580	30,100	30,200	29,530	28,890	29,440	29,310	29,580	30,100	30,290
	13.4	13.8	13.4	13.4	14.7	12.0	12.1	13.0	12.3	11.6	14.5	12.7	12.0	10.8	10.1
Elmore	19,880	20,770	21,350	21,460	21,150	21,020	20,680	20,780	20,570	20,250	20,170	20,220	20,390	20,570	20,670
	13.3	12.2	13.8	13.6	12.3	11.7	10.4	10.1	9.5	8.4	9.6	9.1	8.8	8.0	7.7
Escambia	16,470	17,430	17,770	17,810	17,890	17,360	17,340	17,360	17,410	17,440	17,560	17,610	17,420	17,610	17,680
	13.2	12.6	13.2	12.8	13.7	12.4	11.3	11.3	12.1	12.6	14.3	13.5	11.8	11.3	11.3
Etowah	42,720	42,450	43,010	42,520	42,830	42,350	41,440	41,890	41,720	41,370	41,660	41,700	41,500	41,810	41,700
	20.5	17.5	17.2	16.6	17.0	15.3	14.0	14.0	14.2	13.5	15.8	15.3	14.3	13.4	11.7
Fayette	9,830	10,170	10,210	10,260	10,200	10,100	10,330	10,450	10,310	10,160	10,160	10,170	10,340	10,490	10,550
	11.4	11.7	11.6	10.5	11.7	10.9	10.7	9.6	9.4	9.7	10.5	9.7	9.9	8.9	8.1
Franklin	13,310	14,200	14,150	14,590	15,010	14,530	14,500	14,440	14,320	14,010	15,060	15,190	15,390	14,930	14,910
	18.4	18.2	15.3	16.2	24.4	15.9	15.9	15.5	16.6	16.6	25.7	23.0	22.1	18.3	17.2
Geneva	10,800	11,400	11,690	11,740	11,680	11,450	11,570	11,950	11,600	11,470	11,330	11,320	11,430	11,670	11,830
	11.4	10.5	11.1	9.8	10.9	9.9	8.5	8.3	8.3	9.4	10.2	9.4	8.9	8.4	7.7
Greene	4,560	4,610	4,640	4,630	4,610	4,510	4,560	4,590	4,480	4,420	4,610	4,700	4,640	4,780	4,730
	17.0	16.7	16.0	15.6	15.3	14.1	13.3	12.7	13.5	15.4	21.5	21.4	17.7	16.8	14.6
Hale	4,980	5,310	5,410	5,300	5,550	5,260	5,360	5,460	5,340	5,270	5,380	5,310	5,310	5,450	5,440
	20.7	16.6	15.3	15.1	19.3	13.5	13.0	12.8	14.8	18.2	22.6	19.6	17.9	16.8	15.0
Henry	7,010	7,260	7,590	7,330	7,360	7,260	7,480	7,670	7,410	7,140	7,020	7,100	7,050	7,390	7,540
	12.2	11.2	11.7	11.9	12.5	10.7	10.0	9.1	9.3	9.4	11.5	10.2	8.6	8.4	8.3
Houston	39,040	40,070	40,670	40,540	41,010	40,360	40,720	41,050	40,160	39,630	39,610	39,840	40,080	40,770	41,060
	10.0	10.8	11.4	11.0	12.4	10.5	10.0	9.7	9.4	9.2	10.4	9.4	8.9	8.6	8.7
Jackson	21,080	20,800	20,830	20,990	21,480	20,280	20,690	20,980	20,320	19,980	19,810	19,930	19,660	19,640	19,440
	20.4	22.0	20.8	21.9	23.6	17.6	18.8	19.5	19.0	20.7	22.0	21.8	19.3	16.4	14.5
Jefferson	306,120	310,270	313,250	313,520	315,270	310,460	308,350	307,640	305,340	303,270	306,020	305,750	308,780	310,420	309,110
	13.8	12.8	13.0	12.7	12.5	11.8	11.6	10.8	10.7	10.1	11.6	10.7	10.9	9.9	9.2
Lamar	8,330	8,820	9,120	8,910	8,880	6,670	8,780	8,960	8,900	8,730	8,830	8,940	8,980	9,100	9,060
	13.5	9.8	10.4	11.0	9.9	8.7	8.2	7.9	8.4	7.3	8.9	8.2	7.5	7.5	7.2
Lauderdale	34,260	34,810	35,060	35,480	35,810	34,840	34,370	34,610	34,220	34,350	34,800	35,380	35,280	34,890	34,530
	17.5	16.9	16.4	17.0	17.7	15.8	15.2	14.8	14.0	14.5	18.3	18.8	17.4	15.4	14.2
Lawrence	14,310	14,490	14,950	14,760	14,840	14,140	13,910	13,990	13,680	13,380	13,650	13,720	13,660	13,870	13,880
	18.9	18.7	18.0	18.2	18.1	16.8	16.2	15.7	16.0	16.9	19.1	18.9	16.8	16.3	15.5
Lee	34,330	36,140	36,600	37,020	36,280	36,600	36,370	37,120	36,770	35,890	36,440	36,770	36,650	37,140	37,420
	9.4	8.4	8.1	9.0	8.7	8.0	7.2	6.9	6.5	6.0	7.3	7.2	6.4	6.6	6.2
Limestone	22,840	23,940	24,200	23,910	23,890	24,030	24,200	24,180	24,040	23,780	24,290	24,430	24,300	24,780	24,770
	13.6	11.0	11.7	9.7	9.2	8.9	9.0	8.6	9.0	8.5	11.2	11.1	9.7	9.6	8.5
Lowndes	4,960	5,320	5,350	5,290	5,370	5,400	5,490	5,560	5,420	5,290	5,260	5,270	5,180	5,390	5,360
	19.2	17.6	17.4	18.3	18.7	18.1	16.0	16.0	14.0	14.3	19.3	18.3	17.7	19.7	17.7
Macon	7,820	8,000	8,050	8,160	8,120	8,160	8,030	8,090	7,800	7,760	7,810	7,810	7,780	7,930	8,000
	14.9	13.5	13.7	16.4	15.2	14.6	11.4	11.2	11.1	11.4	12.7	11.9	10.6	10.5	9.6
Madison	94,570	100,410	100,760	102,320	101,810	102,590	102,490	103,030	102,090	100,970	102,220	102,160	104,170	104,170	104,860
	10.7	9.2	9.2	9.6	8.8	8.6	8.0	8.1	8.2	7.7	9.7	9.0	9.8	7.9	7.5
Marengo	9,690	9,920	9,820	9,950	10,210	9,840	9,790	9,860	9,790	9,640	9,860	9,800	9,970	9,960	9,960
	15.4	15.4	16.5	16.7	17.1	13.4	12.2	11.7	12.1	12.9	15.0	14.2	15.0	12.7	11.7
Marion	13,300	13,760	13,970	14,010	14,320	13,810	13,490	13,500	13,580	13,250	13,550	13,490	13,490	13,420	13,320
	18.3	19.4	20.5	20.3	20.5	17.4	16.2	16.1	17.7	15.6	18.6	17.6	16.4	14.2	12.3
Marshall	33,020	34,920	34,720	35,290	37,360	35,030	35,200	35,260	35,020	34,960	35,930	36,000	35,470	35,910	35,770
	14.8	13.0	12.2	12.7	17.2	10.9	10.8	10.6	10.9	11.2	14.4	14.0	11.8	11.0	9.6
Mobile	158,750	163,820	166,170	169,130	169,240	167,360	163,240	163,950	161,260	158,890	163,040	163,710	164,260	164,740	164,340
	14.0	15.9	16.7	16.3	16.2	16.2	15.1	14.3	13.3	12.9	15.9	15.1	14.5	13.3	12.8

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Type of Activity	Annual		1983								1984				
	1982	1983	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	10,360	10,770	11,020	10,890	10,920	10,860	10,820	10,950	10,980	10,900	10,940	10,950	10,900	11,010	10,840
	14.2	12.6	13.7	12.3	12.2	11.4	10.9	11.7	12.6	12.4	15.6	14.9	13.4	12.6	10.1
Montgomery	88,090	92,650	93,050	94,690	94,460	93,700	93,230	94,230	93,970	92,810	92,730	93,380	93,460	94,480	94,540
	11.1	10.6	10.2	11.1	10.8	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.0	9.3	10.7	10.6	9.6	9.0	8.4
Morgan	37,450	37,990	38,520	38,770	38,810	38,190	37,970	37,960	37,520	37,080	37,630	37,490	37,810	38,060	38,070
	16.1	14.5	14.6	14.3	14.4	13.6	13.0	12.8	12.4	11.9	14.5	13.6	13.7	12.4	11.6
Perry	5,690	5,860	5,960	6,050	6,010	5,940	5,910	5,950	5,870	5,780	5,840	5,690	5,660	5,730	5,780
	15.7	14.8	14.2	14.5	14.2	13.6	11.6	11.2	15.7	19.2	22.4	15.1	12.1	10.8	10.0
Pickens	7,550	7,630	7,830	7,720	7,790	7,620	7,590	7,650	7,510	7,600	7,500	7,540	7,450	7,590	7,730
	19.7	17.7	21.5	20.3	17.9	15.7	14.4	14.2	13.3	16.3	17.9	17.3	15.8	15.2	16.4
Pike	13,260	13,770	14,310	13,780	13,990	13,660	13,710	14,370	13,890	12,960	13,360	13,420	13,590	13,680	13,870
	13.4	13.7	13.5	14.0	14.8	13.3	11.9	10.6	10.8	11.9	12.0	11.8	12.0	9.6	8.9
Randolph	9,710	9,170	9,270	9,030	9,710	9,040	8,880	9,310	9,050	8,950	8,890	8,830	8,780	8,820	8,880
	21.7	17.8	18.6	17.3	24.5	16.4	12.7	12.1	12.7	13.8	18.0	16.2	15.9	13.1	12.9
Russell	17,990	18,320	18,360	18,490	18,590	18,510	18,080	18,230	18,190	18,210	19,480	18,890	18,560	18,790	18,930
	16.7	13.7	14.4	13.1	12.8	11.5	11.7	11.6	11.2	11.5	17.9	14.3	12.1	11.8	11.9
St Clair	18,980	19,350	19,600	19,320	19,240	19,000	19,090	19,070	19,100	19,280	19,310	19,470	19,030	19,280	19,110
	14.7	14.2	14.6	13.1	12.0	11.6	12.4	11.7	12.4	13.2	14.0	13.9	11.3	10.9	9.8
Shelby	29,940	30,510	31,080	30,670	30,930	30,580	30,380	30,570	30,230	30,220	30,890	30,650	30,300	30,740	30,910
	13.0	12.4	13.4	11.9	11.9	11.6	11.4	11.4	10.9	10.9	13.6	12.1	10.3	10.1	10.3
Sumter	6,810	6,990	7,050	7,170	7,250	7,120	6,900	7,100	7,110	6,850	7,060	7,040	7,170	7,220	7,180
	17.7	14.3	13.6	16.2	16.7	13.7	10.6	11.1	11.8	9.9	12.2	11.1	12.0	13.3	10.1
Talladega	30,840	32,030	32,370	32,270	32,590	32,380	32,240	32,440	31,670	31,300	31,730	31,670	31,920	32,210	31,900
	19.2	17.1	18.0	17.6	17.4	16.2	14.8	14.2	13.5	13.0	15.0	14.6	14.7	14.5	13.5
Tallapoosa	16,900	16,580	16,460	16,910	17,390	16,780	16,510	16,660	16,560	16,620	16,850	16,970	17,080	17,220	17,160
	13.5	12.2	12.6	12.5	15.7	12.0	9.8	10.3	9.6	9.9	10.6	10.2	9.8	8.7	8.0
Tuscaloosa	55,530	56,520	57,270	56,520	56,610	56,210	55,900	56,800	56,540	56,400	56,910	57,500	58,020	58,090	58,180
	12.6	12.5	13.4	13.1	12.8	12.1	10.9	10.9	10.5	10.3	11.8	11.2	11.1	9.7	10.3
Walker	31,760	32,980	33,450	33,080	33,410	32,860	32,630	33,300	32,910	33,020	33,440	33,350	33,330	32,570	32,520
	15.0	16.1	16.7	15.4	15.6	14.8	14.6	15.7	15.2	15.6	17.3	16.3	15.5	12.1	11.7
Washington	6,200	6,380	6,530	6,630	6,740	6,420	6,530	6,500	6,340	6,210	6,330	6,400	6,550	6,510	6,770
	16.9	20.0	21.9	21.4	22.6	18.6	17.5	16.4	15.8	15.7	17.8	18.1	18.0	16.1	18.5
Wilcox	6,380	5,860	6,090	5,720	5,590	5,500	5,590	5,680	5,490	5,320	5,340	5,380	5,230	5,340	5,410
	18.7	20.3	20.6	20.8	19.5	18.4	18.3	18.1	17.6	17.1	18.8	18.0	17.2	16.1	16.0
Winston	8,480	9,150	9,250	9,360	9,510	9,280	9,170	9,290	9,170	8,960	9,570	9,850	9,450	9,450	9,500
	22.5	18.6	17.3	16.9	17.3	16.3	14.8	15.3	16.2	16.5	23.4	25.8	20.0	17.9	18.4
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	551,093	643,182	72,807	49,281	33,162	70,692	22,392	85,365	50,213	46,894	51,145	40,064	53,684	72,261	83,186
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	8,142	6,288	560	353	343	819	430	826	757	423	583	508	232	718	905
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	1,222,158	788,611	60,503	71,690	51,007	33,212	51,981	64,610	81,993	64,282	69,760	39,449	46,631	32,516	60,111
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	14,577	9,496	898	1,150	610	344	524	547	546	868	1,731	1,283	1,667	2,096	1,930
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[8] *(1,000 tons)*	39,655	34,916	3,051	3,268	2,560	3,013	2,812	2,948	3,118	2,653	3,017	2,522	3,015	3,110	3,286
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	22,680	23,017	1,490	1,678	2,149	2,571	2,547	1,798	1,588	1,884	2,494	2,093	1,793	1,604	1,607
Gasoline sales[9] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,840,396	1,861,406	158,764	159,700	159,303	165,359	153,217	153,174	148,354	168,460	....	....	....	....	....
New passenger car registrations[10] *(number)*	100,717	122,393	11,620	10,660	11,039	10,012	11,288	10,378	10,295	11,751	10,453	11,116	11,051	11,616	13,890
Retail sales by kind of business, state totals[11] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	3,634	....									....	....	....	....	....
General stores with food and gas	331	....									....	....	....	....	....
General merchandise	2,292	....									....	....	....	....	....
Apparel	499	....									....	....	....	....	....
Furniture, furnishings, etc	534	....									....	....	....	....	....
Automotive	2,690	....									....	....	....	....	....
Gasoline service stations	1,342	....									....	....	....	....	....
Lumber and building materials	778	....									....	....	....	....	....
Hardware and farm implements	351	....									....	....	....	....	....
Eating places	1,112	....									....	....	....	....	....
Drug stores	536	....									....	....	....	....	....
All other retail	2,433	....									....	....	....	....	....
Total sales by retail concerns	16,530	....									....	....	....	....	....
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	4,749	....									....	....	....	....	....
Total all sales at retail	21,279	....									....	....	....	....	....
Retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[11] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	432,037	....									....	....	....	....	....
Birmingham	5,604,600	....									....	....	....	....	....
Dothan	....	....									....	....	....	....	....
Florence	571,705	....									....	....	....	....	....
Gadsden	395,827	....									....	....	....	....	....
Huntsville	1,064,650	....									....	....	....	....	....
Mobile	2,131,321	....									....	....	....	....	....
Montgomery	1,224,760	....									....	....	....	....	....
Tuscaloosa	552,075	....									....	....	....	....	....
Counties															
Autauga	107,927	....									....	....	....	....	....
Baldwin	366,715	....									....	....	....	....	....
Barbour	62,778	....									....	....	....	....	....
Bibb	27,761	....									....	....	....	....	....
Blount	80,384	....									....	....	....	....	....
Bullock	59,766	....									....	....	....	....	....
Butler	61,385	....									....	....	....	....	....
Calhoun	432,037	....									....	....	....	....	....
Chambers	91,694	....									....	....	....	....	....
Cherokee	52,267	....									....	....	....	....	....
Chilton	92,525	....									....	....	....	....	....
Choctaw	50,700	....									....	....	....	....	....
Clarke	89,267	....									....	....	....	....	....
Clay	26,957	....									....	....	....	....	....
Cleburne	24,342	....									....	....	....	....	....
Coffee	142,602	....									....	....	....	....	....

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Type of Activity	Annual		1983								1984				
	1982	1983	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	296,642	....	Please see table on Page 2								....	....	....	....	....
Conecuh	34,109	....									....	....	....	....	....
Coosa	20,855	....									....	....	....	....	....
Covington	140,600	....									....	....	....	....	....
Crenshaw	32,420	....									....	....	....	....	....
Cullman	248,962	....									....	....	....	....	....
Dale	97,392	....									....	....	....	....	....
Dallas	188,352	....									....	....	....	....	....
DeKalb	171,545	....									....	....	....	....	....
Elmore	82,262	....									....	....	....	....	....
Escambia	133,511	....									....	....	....	....	....
Etowah	395,827	....									....	....	....	....	....
Fayette	85,349	....									....	....	....	....	....
Franklin	88,064	....									....	....	....	....	....
Geneva	146,372	....									....	....	....	....	....
Greene	21,917	....									....	....	....	....	....
Hale	35,115	....									....	....	....	....	....
Henry	40,210	....									....	....	....	....	....
Houston	430,944	....									....	....	....	....	....
Jackson	147,971	....									....	....	....	....	....
Jefferson	4,911,771	....									....	....	....	....	....
Lamar	37,354	....									....	....	....	....	....
Lauderdale	275,063	....									....	....	....	....	....
Lawrence	64,612	....									....	....	....	....	....
Lee	291,706	....									....	....	....	....	....
Limestone	148,159	....									....	....	....	....	....
Lowndes	23,153	....									....	....	....	....	....
Macon	42,695	....									....	....	....	....	....
Madison	859,741	....									....	....	....	....	....
Marengo	87,042	....									....	....	....	....	....
Marion	69,720	....									....	....	....	....	....
Marshall	267,967	....									....	....	....	....	....
Mobile	1,764,606	....									....	....	....	....	....
Monroe	103,747	....									....	....	....	....	....
Montgomery	1,034,571	....									....	....	....	....	....
Morgan	476,700	....									....	....	....	....	....
Perry	28,382	....									....	....	....	....	....
Pickens	51,737	....									....	....	....	....	....
Pike	83,838	....									....	....	....	....	....
Randolph	54,925	....									....	....	....	....	....
Russell	95,486	....									....	....	....	....	....
St. Clair	105,453	....									....	....	....	....	....
Shelby	261,472	....									....	....	....	....	....
Sumter	34,465	....									....	....	....	....	....
Talladega	219,173	....									....	....	....	....	....
Tallapoosa	122,749	....									....	....	....	....	....
Tuscaloosa	552,075	....									....	....	....	....	....
Walker	286,965	....									....	....	....	....	....
Washington	29,920	....									....	....	....	....	....
Wilcox	35,627	....									....	....	....	....	....
Winston	64,854	....									....	....	....	....	....
Statewide[11]	4,185,970	....									....	....	....	....	....
BUILDING PERMITS[12]															
Alabama															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	712,696	1,079,085	108,222	72,677	93,959	120,559	96,165	86,676	162,881	76,349	65,449	75,497	99,328	193,079	97,366
Residential	237,082	449,881	47,803	32,005	39,580	47,066	34,835	43,819	42,063	27,533	24,927	38,376	39,447	46,811	38,102
Nonresidential	300,343	366,127	34,301	20,565	26,714	35,834	29,816	19,695	95,659	33,868	22,711	21,524	32,351	130,709	42,724
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	5,965	8,848	850	905	826	895	794	818	718	693	595	644	790	788	915
Residential	2,700	3,593	341	346	306	309	263	268	261	231	247	255	317	317	408
Nonresidential	442	932	96	112	92	124	106	109	101	81	75	93	126	113	117
Birmingham															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported Value	109,048	213,343	23,569	8,012	7,729	14,059	30,767	9,644	83,104	6,605	5,689	4,413	8,945	7,619	5,562
Residential	13,918	31,921	9,643	1,221	1,378	1,317	2,529	4,275	904	885	1,100	1,574	2,100	2,551	814
Nonresidential	61,839	108,370	2,177	1,911	1,855	7,416	12,498	767	70,397	526	985	530	1,071	90	768
Decatur															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	8,551	14,095	1,154	1,235	1,167	1,367	1,424	1,278	1,004	789	912	1,111	1,075	1,106	1,520
Residential	2,937	7,340	722	770	741	918	995	862	663	267	673	845	739	739	1,096
Nonresidential	3,812	2,156	163	177	150	155	156	140	116	32	73	81	115	139	172
Dothan															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	28,821	18,943	695	1,073	1,388	1,340	700	3,402	2,191	2,952	1,075	1,064	1,568	1,353	1,326
Residential	5,626	7,760	326	475	350	366	316	2,412	805	351	444	631	685	695	448
Nonresidential	9,720	6,339	59	176	468	319	40	367	1,127	2,146	457	100	452	518	238
Gadsden															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	10,429	13,596	1,351	529	4,695	354	549	550	1,389	1,189	656	530	214	565	1,351
Residential	1,517	2,006	273	194	170	282	224	329	75	61	110	57	92	347	976
Nonresidential	3,271	3,912	378	271	161	2	271	201	1,283	1,104	24	452	102	163	122
Huntsville															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	58,302	122,759	15,688	10,765	12,423	17,391	8,823	20,834	9,742	6,919	6,115	16,817	12,836	8,111	13,997
Residential	18,311	51,350	4,390	3,263	9,556	7,145	2,171	10,578	1,598	1,939	2,203	7,732	4,874	4,843	3,753
Nonresidential	14,238	45,128	10,098	5,693	669	6,403	5,166	3,320	5,238	3,809	2,270	5,358	7,169	2,413	8,366
Mobile															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	83,675	109,508	14,828	3,923	14,352	13,411	5,161	6,093	8,760	10,475	3,718	5,366	17,080	116,254	6,250
Residential	19,544	38,261	4,337	1,334	1,132	1,810	1,127	990	1,586	7,313	984	1,470	1,424	2,639	2,009
Nonresidential	43,701	49,663	9,054	664	11,007	10,337	1,465	2,188	5,173	2,058	1,419	2,488	4,160	112,221	3,331

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Type of Activity	Annual		1983								1984				
	1982	1983	May	June	July	Aug	Sept.	Oct	Nov.	Dec	Jan.	Feb	Mar.	Apr	May
BUILDING PERMITS —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	52,352	76,984	7,877	6,777	6,275	6,829	6,315	6,326	5,764	5,127	14,164	5,100	6,477	6,330	6,994
Residential	15,363	32,619	3,407	2,568	2,473	2,354	2,081	2,108	2,278	1,874	2,436	2,131	2,462	2,509	2,493
Nonresidential	22,178	28,264	3,265	2,542	2,205	2,762	2,652	2,596	2,170	1,856	9,934	1,882	2,727	2,496	3,043
Quad-Cities[13]															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	18,563	12,978	1,247	1,244	1,612	1,361	1,250	852	1,360	699	2,642	1,410	4,666	2,443	4,910
Residential	7,481	6,391	451	640	473	513	623	428	874	166	480	754	1,298	700	792
Nonresidential	5,722	3,506	176	261	737	705	380	337	123	100	207	585	3,031	1,079	3,887
Selma															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	2,757	4,197	635	115	336	103	901	67	98	356	1,826	213	219	1,019	356
Residential	987	357	125	30	....	20	....	....	65	20	....	....	24	87	82
Nonresidential	1,739	798	384	10	275	20	18	30	1	....	3	133	36	717	35
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	21,418	30,159	3,023	3,600	2,862	3,340	3,777	1,814	1,809	613	1,505	2,647	3,328	1,804	4,323
Residential	6,592	14,849	1,674	1,205	2,338	1,194	1,378	396	717	407	1,032	1,163	2,097	988	2,153
Nonresidential	8,408	6,227	424	569	187	1,221	711	527	599	3	132	929	573	277	1,529

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9] Excludes sales to federal government.

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[11] Retail sales data represent sales at retail as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1977 are not available for the new series. Birmingham and Huntsville MSA sales data after June 1983 are not directly comparable with earlier data because county designations were changed. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

[12] Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

[13] Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

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CBER and the Alabama Revenue Department recognize the importance of retail sales estimates as an indicator of the vitality of the Alabama economy. The Revenue Department supports CBER in its efforts to estimate retail sales in Alabama. However, the Revenue Department's chief purpose is to collect tax revenues due the state. The abbreviated sales tax return achieves this purpose and at the same time relieves the taxpayer of some of the burden imposed by government. The new tax return form unfortunately had an adverse impact on the retail trade series in that some items used previously to compile sales estimates are no longer available. For sales categories in which a high proportion of sales are exempt from sales tax or in which taxes are paid through other avenues, (such as prescription drug and gasoline sales), sales returns filed in April and afterwards may be artifically low because of the loss of detail on the tax return form. In such cases CBER has estimated sales based on past performance of the firms in the categories affected.

A third factor limiting comparability between 1983 and earlier years is reflected in county-level data and does not affect data for the state as a whole. Most firms with sales outlets in several counties in Alabama report the sales of all outlets from a single location, such as a home office. As a result, sales estimates are understated for the county in which the sale occurred and are overstated for the county from which the report was filed. Working with the Revenue Department, CBER developed a method to disaggregate back to the

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counties of origin the sales of the largest multi-outlet firms doing business in the state. This feature was introduced during the mid-1970s but was updated extensively beginning with sales reported during July 1983. Therefore, monthly reports at the county level for January through June 1983 are more comparable with reports for earlier years, while county-level reports for July through December 1983 more accurately reflect actual sales levels within the counties. When analyzing the 1983 monthly county-level data, we suggest the reader draw comparisons from the percent of change from month to month, with the exception of June to July 1983 comparisons.

With these caveats in mind, let's take a closer look at the 1983 retail sales estimates for Alabama:

As previously stated, total sales estimates for 1983 represent an increase of 4.7 percent over 1982 estimates. By category, however, retail sales by nonretail concerns (such as wholesalers, manufacturers, and service firms) in 1983 declined by 12.8 percent from the category's 1982 estimate. If retail sales by nonretail concerns are excluded from the total, sales by retail concerns marked an increase of 9.7 percent in 1983 over the 1982 level. Total sales by retail concerns in Alabama are estimated at $18,132 million, an increase of $1,607 million from the 1982 estimate.

Of the thirteen major categories of retail sales, four categories reflect declines in sales in 1983 from their 1982 estimates. (Although not as severe in magnitude, four of the thirteen categories reflected declines in the preliminary 1982 estimates when compared against the revised 1981 estimates.) Besides retail sales by nonretail concerns, which declined by $609 million from the 1982 estimate to a level of $4,131 million for 1983, other categories which marked declines for 1983 were: general stores with food and gas, a decline of $8 million (2.4 percent) to a 1983 level of $323 million; gasoline service stations, a decline of $290 million (21.6 percent) to a level of $1,052 million; and drug stores, a decline of $63 million (11.8 percent) to a level of $473 million for 1983. All four categories were susceptible to the loss of detail which resulted from the abbreviated sales tax return form, and therefore the likelihood is high that sales are understated in these categories. On the other hand, this should not suggest that a modest increase in 1983 over 1982 in each of these categories can be assumed. Gasoline sales in Alabama, for example, have declined steadily each year from a peak reached in 1977, according to the Motor Fuels Division of the Alabama Department of Revenue. Coupled with declining prices at the pump, sales by gasoline service stations indeed may have declined in 1983. The evidence available from the retail sales estimate is simply insufficient to make an unqualified judgment.

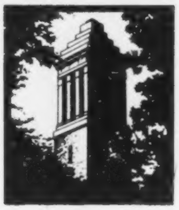
From a different perspective, several categories of retail trade showed robust increases in the 1983 estimates over the 1982 estimates. In all categories which exhibited increases, those increases were well above the overall inflation rate of 3.2 percent for 1983 as measured by the Consumer Price Index. The performance of those categories in which sales of durable goods and construction-related items are reported is noteworthy.

Sales estimates for 1983 in the lumber and building materials category led all other categories in percent of increase over the 1982 estimates. Lumber and building materials sales increased a whopping 31.1 percent in 1983 over 1982, according to the 1983 estimates. The increase of $241 million pushed the lumber and building materials estimate to $1,016 million for 1983. The automotive category also rebounded strongly, with 1983 sales estimate up 24.2 percent from the 1982 level. An increase of $652 million boosted automotive sales to $3,342 million in 1983. (Besides new and used car sales, this category includes auto parts shops as well as motorcycle, aircraft, and motorboat sales establishments.)

Sales in the furniture and furnishings category also were up sharply in 1983. Sales in this category increased by $108 million to $642 million, an increase of 20.2 percent over the 1982 estimate. Sales in the hardware category too marked a sharp increase for 1983. Hardware sales increased by $66 million to a level of $417 million in 1983, an increase of 18.8 percent over hardware sales for 1982.

Although not as dramatic in the percent of increase, retail sales in primarily nondurable goods categories marked significant increases. Sales by general merchandisers increased by $326 million in 1983 to a level of $2,618 million, an increase of 14.2 percent over 1982 sales. Apparel sales increased by $52 million to reach $551 million, a 10.4 percent increase from the 1982 level. Sales in the eating places category amounted to $111 million more in 1983 than in 1982 to total $1,223 million, a 10.0 percent increase. Food store sales were up 6.4 percent in 1983, reflecting an increase of $231 million to a level of $3,865 million. Finally, the all-other category, which includes businesses in everything from florists to junk yards, increased by $181 million to a level of $2,611 million, up 7.4 percent from the category's 1982 sales estimate.

Maintaining comparability of the retail sales series from year to year and month to month has constantly posed a challenge for both CBER and the Department of Revenue. In that regard, 1983 offered no challenges not previously seen. However, 1983 marks an end to the retail sales series as it has been known. Beginning with January 1984 reports, the series will no longer estimate sales of items which are exempt from the state sales tax. The loss of those tax-exempt sales--sales in interstate commerce, gasoline, prescription drugs, among others--is such that the series will be given a new name to reflect its new, taxed-only nature. We anticipate these changes will occur with the next issue.



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Alabama and the Other Forty-nine: Some Comparisons

by Dana Stone

In recognition of Alabama's highly competitive spirit, it seems appropriate to focus attention on the state's socioeconomic and demographic position relative to other states. In other words, How does Alabama rank among the fifty states with respect to such indicators as standard demographics (population, age, race); education; employment; income; and so forth?

First, out of a total U.S. population of 226,545,805 for 1980, Alabama had a population of 3,893,888, 22nd among the fifty states. With respect to land area in 1980, Alabama was 28th among the states. Alabama is composed of 50,767 square miles out of a total of 3,539,295 square miles for the U.S. The state ranks 26th in terms of population per square mile for 1980, 76.7 persons per square mile compared to 64.0 persons per square mile for the U.S.

The median age of Alabamians is 29.2 years, compared to the U.S. median age of 30.0 years. This places the state 30th among the fifty states. Alabama ranks 23rd among the states in elderly population--those age 65 and over--equalling 11.3 percent of the state's total population in 1980.

The nonwhite population in Alabama is large, placing the state 6th among the states. Alabama's nonwhite population in 1980 was 26.2 percent of the total population, compared to the nation's 16.9 percent. The nonwhite population is composed primarily of black persons, placing the state 5th among the fifty states. Alabama's black population equaled 25.6 percent of the total population in 1980, compared to 11.7 percent for the U.S.

Alabama stands 29th with respect to metropolitan population. Sixty-two percent of the state's population in 1980 resided in metropolitan areas, compared to 74.7 percent of the U.S. population.

Regarding Alabama's vital statistics, the state ranked 10th with respect to marriage and divorce rates in 1980 and 23rd and 20th respectively with regard to birth and death rates in 1979.

Alabama's personal health care expenditures per capita for 1978 totalled $633.00, compared to $745.00 for the U.S., placing Alabama 37th among the states. The number of physicians per 100,000 population in 1980 was 125 compared to 185 for the nation, ranking the state very low at 45th among the states. While both health care expenditures and the number of physicians were very low, the number of hospital beds per 100,000 population in 1980 was relatively high, placing the state 16th when compared to the fifty states.

Alabama's total housing units for 1980 equalled 1,467,374 of the 88,411,263 for the nation, ranking the state 22nd among the fifty states. Alabama's houses are primarily single units. The state ranks very low, 44th, with respect to the number of housing structures with five or more units. Only 9.1 percent of the structures, compared to 17.5 percent for the U.S., are composed of five or more units. The housing units are also relatively new in age in comparison to those of other states. In Alabama, 30.9 percent of the housing units were built between 1970 and 1980 whereas only 16.3 percent were built prior to 1940, ranking Alabama 20th and 38th respectively.

Alabama ranks very low (50th) with respect to public elementary and secondary school expenditures, both per capita and current expenditures per pupil. The expenditures per capita in 1981 totalled $279.00, compared to $434.00 for the U.S.; while the current expenditures per pupil in 1981 equalled $1,384.00, compared to $2,350.00 for the U.S. Public school teachers' salaries are also low. Alabama ranks 43rd among the states. The relatively low percent of Alabamians 25 years of age and older who graduated from high school in 1980 (56.5 percent compared to 66.5 percent for the U.S.) appears to be reflective of limited funding for public education both in terms of low educational expenditures and low teachers' salaries. While the state ranks very low, 42nd, in terms of high school graduates in 1980, its position with respect to undergraduate enrollment in institutions of higher education for 1979 was 22nd, placing the state midway among all other states. The relationship between the percent of high school graduates and the undergraduate enrollment in institutions of higher education would seem somewhat contradictory except for the fact that the undergraduate enrollment includes students who are citizens of states other than Alabama.

With respect to employment, 26.1 percent of Alabamians were employed in manufacturing in 1979, placing the state 13th among the states. While Alabama was positioned relatively high in terms of the percent employed in manufacturing, the state ranked relatively low (35th) with respect to the average weekly earnings of production workers in manufacturing in 1981. Weekly earnings equalled $280, compared to $318 for the nation. The state ranked 22nd with respect to the civilian labor force in 1981. A total of 1,665,000 Alabamians were in the civilian labor force in 1981 compared to 108,670,000 for the U.S. Alabama ranked 2nd among the states with respect to the unemployment rate in 1981. The number of Alabamians unemployed in 1981 equalled 10.7 percent, compared to 7.6 percent for the nation.

Alabama's income and poverty status appears less than positive. The median household money income in 1979 for Alabama was $13,669 compared to $16,841 for the U.S. This places Alabama 47th among the fifty states. The state's per capita money income for 1979 was $5,894, compared to $7,298 for the U.S. Again, Alabama ranks very low (45th) among the states. The number of Alabamians below the poverty level in 1979 equalled 18.9 percent of the state's population, compared to 12.4 percent of the total U.S. population, placing the state 3rd among the fifty states. The number of children under 18 years old below the poverty level in 1979 totalled 23.6 percent of the population compared to 16.0 percent for the U.S., placing the state 2nd among the states.

State and local government expenditures appear to be reflective of the economic status of the individual citizens. While total state and local government expenditures in 1981 placed Alabama 22nd among the states, both expenditures per capita and tax revenues per capita in 1981 were very low. Among the states, Alabama ranked 42nd and 48th respectively. With respect to debt per capita in 1981, Alabama ranked low (40th).

The number of farms in Alabama in 1978 totalled 57,503 compared to 2,478,642 for the U.S., placing the state 20th among the states. Alabama placed 29th among the states with respect to the amount of land in farms in 1978, 11.5 million acres compared to 1,029.7 million acres for the U.S. Alabama ranked 30th in terms of acreage per farm in 1982, 216 acres compared to 433 acres for the U.S. Alabama also ranked in the middle among the states with respect to acreage value of farm land and buildings per acre for 1982 (25th) and gross farm income for 1981 (26th). The average value of farm land and buildings per acre for 1982 was $922.00 compared to $788.00 for the U.S., while gross farm income for 1982 was $2.5 billion compared to $161.2 billion for the nation.

In reviewing these statistics, we find that Alabama ranks among the top ten percent of all fifty states relative to unemployment; persons below the poverty level in 1979; and marriage and divorce rates. The state ranks between 20th and 30th in terms of total state and local government expenditures; gross farm income; land in farms; total population; percent elderly; total housing units; and birth and death rates. And finally, Alabama ranks between 40th and 50th among all other states with respect to the number of physicians per 100,000 population; public elementary and secondary school expenditures; public school teachers salaries; high school graduates; and median household income in 1979.

This paper was not intended to provide an understanding for the causes and effects associated with the economic indicators discussed. However, the figures may be quite useful for creating a platform to perform further analytical research. The ability to market the state's potential in terms of a higher quality of life as well as greater opportunities for business and industry expansion depends to a degree on the manner in which these statistics are analyzed and applied.

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1983							1984					
	1982	1983	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	25,869	23,071	1,759	1,667	2,004	1,937	2,150	2,044	1,849	2,181	2,434	2,518	2,211	2,327	2,377
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	133,892	126,576	10,301	10,189	10,541	9,028	10,409	10,453	9,407	10,962	11,264	10,750	11,386	11,920	9,984
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	320,808	360,820	32,494	24,507	33,557	31,394	30,597	29,370	28,336	28,600	31,542	29,964	27,510	30,176	....
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	20,011	18,708	1,525	1,596	1,592	1,435	1,522	1,569	1,499	1,624	1,578	1,590	1,533	1,673	1,583
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	21,431	21,020	1,797	1,756	1,963	1,892	1,818	1,799	1,698	1,827	1,958	1,919	1,983	2,005	2,104
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	5,419	6,166	554	561	505	511	559	510	479	532	526	580	571	525	561
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,011,200	2,773,900	332,400	161,000	225,200	242,200	278,600	290,800	211,000	228,400	159,700	244,600	174,300	571,700	231,400
Residential	847,200	1,298,000	125,800	101,800	104,600	162,600	138,100	97,300	96,000	98,300	82,200	125,100	104,500	117,500	114,100
Nonresidential	660,000	1,019,500	117,300	44,600	75,300	45,400	108,000	162,000	82,800	112,300	36,300	66,600	47,500	92,500	71,300
Public works and utilities	504,000	456,700	89,300	14,600	45,300	34,400	32,700	31,400	32,200	17,700	41,300	52,900	22,300	361,300	46,400
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	928	1,086	116	102	116	101	108	92	67	68	87	108	100	112	117
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	4,593	5,263	5,063	5,096	5,123	5,158	5,191	5,204	5,263	5,289	5,323	5,389	5,387	5,416	5,492
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,112,332	2,288,165	189,144	173,150	191,429	219,553	186,326	221,579	154,139	205,929	202,747	264,652	234,338	246,438	198,192
Franchise	52,016	51,214	2,777	7,524	2,253	7,300	4,430	1,980	507	302	1,153	28,642	5,879	1,275	2,504
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	197,894	199,587	17,158	17,252	17,182	17,874	16,536	16,469	16,044	18,417	16,305	15,305	17,523	17,585	17,564
Income	765,160	815,838	80,633	36,785	81,341	81,667	38,160	83,559	53,073	49,125	95,328	130,393	82,889	130,465	81,367
Motor fuels	41,505	45,027	3,136	3,206	4,195	3,383	4,189	5,673	3,906	3,415	4,409	3,448	3,899	4,703	3,735
Oil/gas privilege	36,891	89,645	6,193	5,131	5,298	5,168	5,106	34,115	4,424	5,742	5,924	5,475	5,164	5,571	5,438
Oil/gas production	18,510	17,290	1,541	1,319	1,319	1,331	1,314	1,339	1,146	1,465	1,565	1,442	1,384	1,480	1,437
Sales	562,208	609,132	52,347	51,650	52,961	51,526	51,888	53,500	49,930	67,569	49,655	50,142	55,808	56,985	58,145
2.2% Gross receipts	44,104	46,185	48	10,738	61	3,548	10,134	63	6	13,504	152	9	13,448	210	1
TVA electric	35,999	31,290	2,831	2,831	2,831	2,911	2,867	....	2,867	5,734	....	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867
Tobacco	70,885	38,915	6,536	6,035	5,426	5,906	6,030	5,454	6,081	5,485	4,985	5,418	5,734	6,072	6,211
Use	67,876	66,519	816	14,707	1,097	643	15,021	1,389	459	15,067	1,975	1,045	15,351	2,019	604
Utility	134,597	152,287	10,751	10,617	11,747	12,838	22,053	11,324	11,079	14,760	15,900	13,171	11,714	9,654	11,225
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	288.8	298.4	298.1	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5	305.2	306.6	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7
Food	285.7	291.7	292.0	292.0	292.2	292.6	292.9	292.5	293.9	299.4	302.1	302.2	302.3	301.4	302.0
Housing	314.7	323.1	323.1	324.5	324.8	326.4	326.8	327.0	327.4	329.2	331.0	331.5	333.2	334.6	336.2
Fuel and utilities	350.8	370.3	373.6	375.5	375.1	376.4	374.4	371.3	370.6	376.0	383.0	380.1	380.9	385.5	390.0
Apparel and upkeep	191.8	196.5	195.6	195.0	197.3	200.4	200.7	200.7	199.3	196.4	196.2	198.8	199.2	198.9	197.4
Transportation	291.5	298.4	298.3	300.4	302.4	303.7	305.0	306.3	306.3	306.0	305.8	306.9	309.6	312.2	313.1
Medical care	328.7	357.3	355.4	357.7	360.0	361.2	362.9	364.9	366.2	369.5	373.2	374.5	375.7	376.8	378.0
Energy	416.0	419.3	427.3	430.1	429.8	429.3	425.1	419.9	418.0	416.7	420.2	418.1	421.3	426.1	428.5
Producer Price Index, U.S.[6] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	299.3	303.1	302.4	303.2	304.7	305.3	306.0	305.5	306.1	308.0	308.9	311.1	330.4	311.7	311.4
Industrial commodities	312.3	315.7	315.3	316.5	317.3	317.1	318.5	318.3	318.4	319.1	320.6	321.9	322.5	323.3	323.9
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers *(1977 = 100)*	115.8	122.1	119.0	120.0	126.0	126.0	124.0	131.0	133.0	140.0	138.0	138.0	138.0	134.0	127.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.346	.335	.335	.334	.333	.331	.330	.330	.329	.328	.326	.325	.324	.323	.322
Wholesale prices	.334	.330	.331	.330	.328	.328	.327	.327	.327	.325	.324	.321	.303	.321	.321
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[7]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,713.0	1,744.8	1,732.2	1,758.3	1,746.2	1,745.3	1,774.6	1,774.9	1,732.8	1,754.8	1,759.6	1,765.8	1,777.0	1,777.0	1,794.7
Unemployment	247.0	235.1	222.2	232.0	214.3	214.5	220.7	223.1	197.0	238.4	227.9	218.0	197.1	185.5	195.1
Unemployment rate	14.4	13.5	12.8	13.2	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.6	11.4	13.6	13.0	12.3	11.1	10.4	10.9
Employment	1,466.0	1,509.7	1,510.0	1,526.3	1,531.9	1,530.8	1,553.9	1,551.8	1,535.8	1,516.4	1,531.7	1,547.8	1,579.9	1,591.5	1,599.6
Nonagricultural	1,312.5	1,318.4	1,331.6	1,332.0	1,323.7	1,326.5	1,334.8	1,336.6	1,338.8	1,324.4	1,330.2	1,333.0	1,345.7	1,348.8	1,359.5
Manufacturing	337.8	338.2	340.9	337.4	344.8	345.5	346.0	346.3	345.6	344.6	345.2	346.6	351.1	351.8	353.7
Durable goods	159.1	157.6	157.6	157.9	160.9	161.1	161.9	162.6	162.2	161.9	162.9	165.4	167.0	167.5	168.4
Lumber and wood products	25.1	27.6	28.5	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.6	28.4	28.3	27.8	28.2	28.8	28.9	29.0	29.0
Stone, clay, glass products	8.6	8.7	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.8	9.1	9.0	9.1
Primary metals	29.6	24.8	24.7	24.3	24.9	24.5	24.6	24.6	24.8	25.2	25.2	26.2	26.2	26.4	26.2
Blast furn. and steel works	8.8	5.7	6.1	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.5	6.1	6.6	7.1	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.9
Iron and steel foundries	11.4	10.5	10.3	10.4	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.5	9.9	10.0	9.6	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.0
Fabricated metals	22.8	21.7	21.4	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.4	22.4	22.0	22.2	22.2	22.4	22.4	22.4
Machinery (excl. electrical)	....	14.8	15.0	14.9	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.6	15.9	15.9	16.1	16.4
Electrical, electronic equip.	....	21.4	21.5	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.0	22.3	22.3	22.5	22.9	22.9	23.2	23.3	23.4
Transportation	22.6	21.5	19.9	20.2	21.8	22.0	22.6	22.7	22.4	22.5	22.6	22.9	23.3	23.4	23.9
Other durable goods	16.0	17.2	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.8	17.9	18.2	18.1	17.9	17.5	17.7	18.0	17.9	18.0
Nondurable goods	178.8	180.6	183.3	179.5	183.9	184.4	184.1	183.7	183.4	182.7	182.3	181.2	184.1	184.3	185.3
Food	26.5	26.9	27.2	27.3	27.4	27.4	27.5	27.2	27.1	26.9	26.5	26.5	26.7	26.8	27.3
Textile mill products	38.8	39.1	39.6	37.6	39.6	40.2	40.3	40.3	40.4	40.4	40.3	40.4	40.4	40.2	39.8
Apparel	53.0	54.3	55.6	53.8	55.4	56.0	55.5	55.4	55.1	54.4	54.7	53.6	55.7	56.2	56.2
Paper and allied products	21.0	21.4	21.8	21.9	22.1	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.3	21.1	20.8	21.2	21.0	21.5
Printing and publishing	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.8	10.7	10.7
Chemicals and allied products	13.1	11.8	11.8	11.5	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.9	12.0
Rubber products	13.8	14.6	14.7	14.8	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.7
Other nondurable goods	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	974.7	980.1	990.7	994.6	978.9	981.0	988.8	990.3	993.2	979.8	985.0	986.4	994.6	997.0	1,005.8
Mining and quarrying	16.2	13.6	13.6	13.7	13.6	12.9	13.3	13.6	13.5	13.1	13.8	13.7	13.9	14.0	14.2
Bituminous coal mining	12.1	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.4	9.7	10.1	10.4	9.5	9.1	9.8	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.9
Contract construction	56.8	59.4	61.6	62.0	62.6	62.7	62.6	63.0	62.4	60.1	60.7	60.4	62.6	63.3	66.1
Trans., comm., and utilities	71.1	69.7	70.9	70.7	64.6	70.7	71.3	70.9	71.1	70.6	71.3	71.6	71.4	71.9	72.7
Trade	267.4	271.0	272.5	272.7	273.0	273.7	275.5	278.0	282.1	273.9	272.9	274.1	277.5	278.8	280.9
Wholesale	70.0	69.7	70.3	70.2	70.3	70.4	70.6	70.8	70.7	70.8	71.2	71.3	71.6	71.7	71.6
Retail	197.4	201.3	202.2	202.5	202.7	203.3	204.9	207.2	211.4	203.1	201.7	202.8	205.9	207.1	209.3
Finance, insurance, real estate	58.8	59.4	60.1	60.3	60.2	59.8	59.6	59.6	59.6	59.8	60.0	60.3	60.6	61.1	61.7
Service and miscellaneous	214.4	217.8	219.8	219.8	219.8	219.7	219.6	218.6	218.3	216.3	218.3	219.2	220.4	220.0	219.3
Government	290.1	289.2	292.2	295.4	285.1	281.5	286.9	286.6	286.2	286.0	288.0	287.1	288.2	287.9	290.9
Federal	65.1	64.6	65.4	65.5	65.4	64.9	64.3	64.1	64.0	63.9	63.7	63.6	63.9	64.2	64.6
State and local	224.9	224.6	226.8	229.9	219.7	216.6	222.6	222.5	222.2	222.1	224.3	223.5	224.3	223.7	226.3

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983							1984					
	1982	1983	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	176,752	207,309	21,778	20,987	19,505	17,884	14,485	14,784	11,998	17,938	16,014	16,084	14,672	17,512	18,528
Nonagricultural placements	66,900	91,100	10,753	15,126	10,484	7,499	7,117	6,071	5,114	5,741	5,509	6,477	7,082	7,314	9,582
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	632,290	428,181	25,293	49,017	29,803	24,506	27,873	28,728	35,738	75,004	29,677	28,150	24,214	25,009	23,457
Payments *($1,000)*	233,984	191,868	14,873	13,217	15,186	13,556	11,656	12,540	13,999	18,452	15,901	15,566	11,949	13,048	12,192
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,080	15,780	15,930	15,770	15,590	15,610	15,710	15,680	15,460	15,530	15,420	15,460	15,300	15,560	15,670
	15.0	14.1	13.5	12.6	11.5	11.8	11.6	11.7	10.8	12.7	11.3	10.5	9.7	8.9	8.8
Baldwin	33,390	33,830	34,400	34,910	34,040	33,640	33,970	33,950	33,760	34,310	34,670	34,600	34,300	33,850	34,510
	12.1	12.3	11.4	12.6	11.3	11.3	11.0	11.3	11.8	14.0	13.7	12.6	10.3	8.8	9.0
Barbour	11,510	11,980	12,160	12,320	12,130	12,040	12,090	11,800	11,520	11,610	11,660	11,580	11,920	12,030	12,040
	16.2	13.1	12.7	13.3	12.8	11.1	10.9	10.9	10.8	13.0	12.2	10.2	9.6	9.1	9.6
Bibb	5,670	5,940	6,250	6,180	5,620	5,820	5,770	5,770	5,690	6,040	5,790	5,990	5,920	5,950	6,000
	22.8	19.6	17.6	17.2	16.2	17.9	15.0	15.4	18.0	25.3	20.0	19.6	19.1	16.8	15.1
Blount	14,050	13,520	13,690	13,680	13,440	13,510	13,730	13,130	12,890	12,870	13,020	13,200	13,290	13,360	13,370
	19.9	18.1	18.7	19.1	16.0	15.2	14.2	14.7	14.0	17.1	16.8	21.0	13.6	11.6	11.7
Bullock	4,480	4,530	4,590	4,690	4,720	4,770	4,820	4,660	4,410	4,230	4,250	4,250	4,390	4,510	4,590
	18.3	17.2	17.7	20.1	18.4	15.0	14.3	14.9	15.2	16.1	14.1	13.3	11.6	11.0	14.5
Butler	9,960	9,900	9,820	10,020	9,900	9,910	10,250	9,940	9,720	9,900	9,770	9,810	9,830	9,900	9,960
	20.3	17.3	18.2	17.9	15.9	14.0	15.2	13.3	12.0	16.7	15.5	15.1	13.2	12.6	13.9
Calhoun	45,620	46,560	47,050	47,340	46,910	46,350	46,850	46,310	46,520	47,170	47,220	47,470	47,820	47,820	48,380
	15.1	13.1	13.7	13.2	12.0	10.9	11.5	10.8	11.3	12.9	12.2	11.7	10.0	9.5	9.9
Chambers	16,280	16,920	17,290	17,460	17,230	16,790	17,070	16,880	16,760	16,760	16,850	16,950	17,050	17,160	17,220
	11.3	9.8	10.1	11.2	9.7	7.8	8.7	8.3	7.8	8.8	9.3	8.8	8.9	9.9	10.1
Cherokee	11,390	11,400	11,580	11,120	10,910	11,600	11,770	11,430	10,860	11,030	11,110	11,120	11,680	11,640	11,040
	14.8	15.4	12.9	19.4	17.4	9.7	13.4	10.2	11.1	14.5	17.4	20.8	11.3	11.2	18.8
Chilton	13,450	15,420	15,420	15,600	15,650	15,580	15,820	15,640	15,360	15,490	15,540	15,650	15,710	15,880	16,060
	15.6	13.3	12.6	12.0	11.5	10.9	10.3	10.7	10.5	12.7	11.7	11.7	11.1	10.4	10.7
Choctaw	5,280	5,560	5,590	5,830	5,570	5,430	5,510	5,440	5,500	5,610	5,650	5,660	5,650	5,670	5,530
	13.3	15.2	16.1	19.0	14.7	12.9	12.6	11.4	12.8	15.2	16.1	15.9	13.8	14.7	13.8
Clarke	10,450	10,810	11,240	11,090	10,800	10,580	10,620	10,580	10,560	10,870	10,680	10,780	10,640	10,650	10,720
	15.9	16.2	18.1	17.0	14.6	13.4	13.2	13.6	13.8	15.9	14.9	13.8	12.7	12.7	12.8
Clay	7,400	7,520	7,370	7,720	7,470	7,590	7,690	7,670	7,510	7,650	7,670	7,840	7,950	7,930	7,890
	13.5	13.8	15.2	17.4	12.9	11.8	11.3	11.3	10.7	12.3	11.8	10.8	9.8	10.3	10.7
Cleburne	5,080	5,210	5,190	5,180	5,050	5,290	5,280	5,190	5,160	5,090	5,100	5,130	5,150	5,120	5,280
	14.5	12.5	13.3	11.0	9.6	10.0	9.6	9.7	9.7	11.2	10.9	10.8	8.7	8.4	9.9
Coffee	19,410	20,040	20,190	20,360	20,320	20,440	20,340	20,020	19,700	19,430	20,030	20,030	20,120	20,240	20,160
	11.8	10.8	10.1	10.7	9.8	8.8	8.5	8.9	9.6	10.2	10.5	9.8	8.1	8.2	8.2
Colbert	23,620	24,050	24,270	24,490	24,040	23,600	23,710	23,500	23,520	23,760	24,310	24,140	24,310	23,880	24,060
	19.0	18.5	17.8	18.6	17.4	16.4	15.8	15.3	15.5	19.0	20.1	18.3	17.8	16.0	16.2
Conecuh	6,820	7,010	7,060	7,090	7,040	7,100	7,060	6,970	7,120	7,050	7,010	7,130	7,260	7,370	7,360
	13.9	12.7	12.3	12.3	11.1	12.6	11.7	12.3	13.7	13.7	14.1	12.6	11.1	10.0	10.6
Coosa	5,630	5,570	5,460	5,610	5,480	5,590	5,610	5,600	5,520	5,510	5,520	5,460	5,610	5,580	5,500
	10.8	10.3	10.6	11.6	9.5	8.1	7.7	8.2	7.8	9.0	8.8	7.8	7.5	6.5	7.9
Covington	15,630	16,340	16,530	16,710	16,690	16,590	16,580	16,500	16,160	16,280	16,570	16,360	16,370	16,370	16,310
	13.5	12.3	10.7	14.9	12.3	10.9	10.3	11.1	11.3	12.8	13.4	11.6	10.1	9.0	9.2
Crenshaw	6,830	7,220	7,410	7,790	7,340	7,570	7,640	7,250	6,820	6,750	6,810	6,920	7,170	7,440	7,220
	13.8	12.1	11.4	24.3	10.8	9.9	8.6	8.3	8.6	12.5	11.9	12.7	10.3	10.6	10.0
Cullman	27,400	28,710	28,960	29,190	28,570	29,050	29,480	28,830	28,050	28,430	28,700	29,070	29,160	29,300	29,220
	17.2	14.7	14.1	14.4	12.5	11.9	11.1	10.9	10.7	14.2	14.6	12.9	10.6	9.6	10.1
Dale	12,410	12,980	13,040	13,210	12,950	12,760	13,110	12,890	12,630	12,760	12,780	12,980	12,980	13,080	13,040
	13.1	13.7	13.4	14.2	12.6	11.6	11.8	12.1	11.5	12.8	13.3	13.7	11.4	11.0	11.0
Dallas	23,870	23,640	24,310	24,420	23,830	23,440	23,540	23,370	22,910	23,360	23,400	23,260	23,480	23,220	23,700
	17.3	17.5	17.2	18.0	16.3	15.5	15.2	15.3	14.7	17.0	16.6	15.6	15.5	14.3	15.2
DeKalb	28,460	29,950	30,700	31,260	[illegible]	30,100	30,200	29,530	28,890	29,440	29,310	29,580	30,100	30,290	30,670
	13.4	13.8	13.4	14.7	[illegible]	12.1	13.0	12.3	11.6	14.5	12.7	12.0	10.8	10.1	10.6
Elmore	19,880	20,770	[illegible]	21,150	21,020	20,680	20,780	20,570	20,250	20,170	20,220	20,390	20,570	20,670	20,860
	13.3	12.2	13.6	12.3	11.7	10.4	10.1	9.5	8.4	9.6	9.1	8.8	8.0	7.7	7.8
Escambia	16,470	17,430	17,810	17,890	17,360	17,340	17,360	17,410	17,440	17,560	17,610	17,420	17,610	17,680	17,770
	13.2	12.6	12.8	13.7	12.4	11.3	11.3	12.1	12.6	14.3	13.5	11.8	11.3	11.3	10.8
Etowah	42,720	42,450	42,520	42,830	42,350	41,440	41,890	41,720	41,370	41,660	41,700	41,500	41,810	41,700	42,230
	20.5	17.5	16.8	17.0	15.3	14.0	14.0	14.2	13.5	15.8	15.3	14.3	13.4	11.7	11.6
Fayette	9,830	10,170	10,260	10,200	10,100	10,330	10,450	10,310	10,160	10,160	10,170	10,340	10,490	10,550	10,540
	11.4	11.7	10.5	11.7	10.9	10.7	9.6	9.4	9.7	10.5	9.7	9.9	8.9	8.1	8.7
Franklin	13,310	14,200	14,590	15,010	14,530	14,500	14,440	14,320	14,010	15,060	15,190	15,390	14,930	14,910	14,830
	18.4	18.2	16.2	24.4	15.9	15.9	15.5	16.6	16.6	25.7	23.0	22.1	18.3	17.2	15.9
Geneva	10,800	11,400	11,740	11,680	11,450	11,570	11,950	11,600	11,470	11,330	11,320	11,430	11,670	11,830	11,940
	11.4	10.5	9.8	10.9	9.9	8.5	8.3	8.3	9.4	10.2	9.4	8.9	8.4	7.7	7.5
Greene	4,560	4,610	4,630	4,610	4,510	4,560	4,590	4,480	4,420	4,610	4,700	4,640	4,780	4,730	4,680
	17.0	16.7	15.6	15.3	14.1	13.3	12.7	13.5	15.4	21.5	21.4	17.7	16.8	14.6	15.5
Hale	4,980	5,310	5,300	5,550	5,280	5,360	5,460	5,340	5,270	5,380	5,310	5,310	5,450	5,440	5,510
	20.7	16.6	15.1	19.3	13.5	13.0	12.8	14.8	18.2	22.6	19.6	17.9	16.8	15.0	16.3
Henry	7,010	7,260	7,330	7,360	7,260	7,480	7,670	7,410	7,140	7,020	7,100	7,050	7,390	7,540	7,350
	12.2	11.2	11.9	12.5	10.7	10.0	9.1	9.3	9.4	11.5	10.2	8.6	8.4	8.3	8.8
Houston	39,040	40,070	40,540	41,010	40,360	40,720	41,050	40,160	39,630	39,610	39,840	40,080	40,770	41,060	41,290
	10.0	10.8	11.0	12.4	10.5	10.0	9.7	9.4	9.2	10.4	9.4	8.9	8.6	8.7	8.7
Jackson	21,080	20,800	20,990	21,480	20,280	20,690	20,980	20,320	19,980	19,810	19,930	19,660	19,640	19,440	19,200
	20.4	22.0	21.9	23.6	17.6	18.8	19.5	19.0	20.7	22.0	21.8	19.3	16.4	14.5	15.7
Jefferson	306,120	310,270	313,520	315,270	310,460	308,350	307,640	305,340	303,270	306,020	305,750	308,780	310,420	309,110	313,030
	13.8	12.8	12.7	12.5	11.8	11.6	10.8	10.7	10.1	11.6	10.7	10.9	9.9	9.2	9.4
Lamar	8,330	8,820	8,910	8,880	8,570	8,780	8,960	8,900	8,730	8,830	8,940	8,980	9,100	9,060	9,270
	13.5	9.8	11.0	9.9	8.7	8.2	7.9	8.4	7.3	8.9	8.2	7.5	7.5	7.2	8.6
Lauderdale	34,260	34,810	35,480	35,810	34,840	34,370	34,610	34,220	34,350	34,800	35,380	35,280	34,890	34,530	34,910
	17.5	16.9	17.0	17.7	15.8	15.2	14.8	14.0	14.5	18.3	18.8	17.4	15.4	14.2	14.7
Lawrence	14,310	14,490	14,760	14,840	14,140	13,910	13,990	13,680	13,380	13,650	13,720	13,660	13,870	13,880	13,730
	18.9	18.7	18.2	18.1	16.8	16.2	15.7	16.0	16.9	19.1	18.9	16.8	16.3	15.5	14.4
Lee	34,330	36,140	37,020	36,280	36,600	36,370	37,120	36,770	35,890	36,440	36,770	36,650	37,140	37,420	37,650
	9.4	8.4	9.0	8.7	8.0	7.2	6.9	6.5	6.0	7.3	7.2	6.4	6.6	6.2	7.8
Limestone	22,840	23,940	23,910	23,890	24,030	24,200	24,180	24,040	23,780	24,290	24,430	24,300	24,780	24,770	24,940
	13.6	11.0	9.7	9.2	8.9	9.0	8.6	9.0	6.5	11.2	11.1	9.7	9.6	8.5	8.5
Lowndes	4,960	5,320	5,290	5,370	5,400	5,490	5,560	5,420	5,290	5,260	5,270	5,180	5,390	5,360	5,300
	19.2	17.6	18.3	18.7	18.1	16.0	16.0	14.0	14.3	19.3	18.3	17.7	19.7	17.7	18.6
Macon	7,820	8,000	8,160	8,120	8,160	8,030	8,090	7,800	7,760	7,810	7,810	7,780	7,930	8,000	8,360
	14.9	13.5	16.4	15.2	14.6	11.4	11.2	11.1	11.4	12.7	11.9	10.6	10.5	9.6	13.9
Madison	94,570	100,410	102,320	101,810	102,590	102,490	103,030	102,090	100,970	102,220	102,160	104,170	104,170	104,860	105,950
	10.7	9.2	9.6	8.8	8.6	8.0	8.1	8.2	7.7	9.7	9.0	9.8	7.9	7.5	7.7
Marengo	9,690	9,920	9,950	10,210	9,840	9,790	9,860	9,790	9,640	9,860	9,800	9,970	9,960	9,960	10,260
	15.4	15.4	16.7	17.1	13.4	12.2	11.7	12.1	12.9	15.0	14.2	15.0	12.7	11.7	12.7
Marion	13,300	13,760	14,010	14,320	13,810	13,490	13,500	13,580	13,250	13,550	13,490	13,490	13,420	13,320	13,390
	18.3	19.4	20.3	20.5	17.4	16.2	16.1	17.7	15.6	18.6	17.6	16.4	14.2	12.3	11.6
Marshall	33,020	34,920	35,290	37,380	35,030	35,200	35,260	35,020	34,960	35,930	36,000	35,470	35,910	35,770	36,400
	14.8	13.0	12.7	17.2	10.9	10.8	10.6	10.9	11.2	14.4	14.0	11.8	11.0	9.6	10.5
Mobile	158,750	163,820	169,130	169,240	167,380	163,240	163,950	161,280	158,890	163,040	163,710	164,260	164,740	164,340	167,090
	14.0	15.9	16.3	16.2	16.2	15.1	14.3	13.3	12.9	15.9	15.1	14.5	13.3	12.8	12.7

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Type of Activity	Annual		1983							1984					
	1982	1983	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	10,360	10,770	10,890	10,920	10,860	10,820	10,950	10,980	10,900	10,940	10,950	10,900	11,010	10,840	11,060
	14.2	12.6	12.3	12.2	11.4	10.9	11.7	12.6	12.4	15.6	14.9	13.4	12.6	10.1	12.5
Montgomery	88,090	92,650	94,690	94,460	93,700	93,230	94,230	93,970	92,810	92,730	93,380	93,460	94,480	94,540	96,350
	11.1	10.6	11.1	10.8	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.0	9.3	10.7	10.6	9.6	9.0	8.4	9.4
Morgan	37,450	37,990	38,770	38,810	38,190	37,970	37,960	37,520	37,080	37,630	37,490	37,810	38,060	38,070	38,590
	16.1	14.5	14.3	14.4	13.6	13.0	12.8	12.4	11.9	14.5	13.6	13.7	12.4	11.6	12.0
Perry	5,690	5,860	6,050	6,010	5,940	5,910	5,950	5,870	5,780	5,840	5,690	5,660	5,730	5,780	5,910
	15.7	14.8	14.5	14.2	13.6	11.6	11.2	15.7	19.2	22.4	15.1	12.1	10.8	10.0	10.4
Pickens	7,550	7,630	7,720	7,790	7,620	7,590	7,650	7,510	7,600	7,500	7,540	7,450	7,590	7,730	7,790
	19.7	17.7	20.3	17.9	15.7	14.4	14.2	13.3	16.3	17.9	17.3	15.8	15.2	16.4	15.2
Pike	13,260	13,770	13,780	13,990	13,660	13,710	14,370	13,890	12,960	13,360	13,420	13,590	13,680	13,870	13,890
	13.4	13.7	14.0	14.8	13.3	11.9	10.6	10.8	11.9	12.0	11.8	12.0	9.6	8.9	9.9
Randolph	9,710	9,170	9,030	9,710	9,040	8,880	9,310	9,050	8,950	8,890	8,830	8,780	8,820	8,880	8,650
	21.7	17.8	17.3	24.5	16.4	12.7	12.1	12.7	13.8	18.0	16.2	15.9	13.1	12.9	14.0
Russell	17,990	18,320	18,490	18,590	18,510	18,080	18,230	18,190	18,210	19,480	18,890	18,560	18,790	18,930	20,370
	16.7	13.7	13.1	12.8	11.5	11.7	11.6	11.2	11.5	17.9	14.3	12.1	11.8	11.9	17.0
St. Clair	18,980	19,350	19,320	19,240	19,000	19,090	19,070	19,100	19,280	19,310	19,470	19,030	19,280	19,110	19,330
	14.7	14.2	13.1	12.0	11.6	12.4	11.7	12.4	13.2	14.0	13.9	11.3	10.9	9.8	9.9
Shelby	29,940	30,510	30,670	30,930	30,580	30,380	30,570	30,230	30,220	30,890	30,650	30,300	30,740	30,910	31,490
	13.0	12.4	11.9	11.9	11.6	11.4	11.4	10.9	10.9	13.6	12.1	10.3	10.1	10.3	11.0
Sumter	6,810	6,990	7,170	7,250	7,120	6,900	7,100	7,110	6,850	7,060	7,040	7,170	7,220	7,180	7,360
	17.7	14.3	16.2	16.7	13.7	10.6	11.1	11.8	9.9	12.2	11.1	12.0	13.3	10.1	13.2
Talladega	30,840	32,030	32,270	32,590	32,380	32,240	32,440	31,670	31,300	31,730	31,670	31,920	32,210	31,900	32,680
	19.2	17.1	17.6	17.4	16.2	14.8	14.2	13.5	13.0	15.0	14.6	14.7	14.5	13.5	15.1
Tallapoosa	16,900	16,580	16,910	17,390	16,780	16,510	16,660	16,560	16,620	16,850	16,970	17,080	17,220	17,160	17,620
	13.5	12.2	12.5	15.7	12.0	9.8	10.3	9.6	9.9	10.6	10.2	9.8	8.7	8.0	9.3
Tuscaloosa	55,530	56,520	56,520	56,610	56,210	55,900	56,800	56,540	56,400	56,910	57,500	58,020	58,090	58,160	57,710
	12.6	12.5	13.1	12.8	12.1	10.9	10.9	10.5	10.3	11.8	11.2	11.1	9.7	10.3	10.1
Walker	31,760	32,980	33,080	33,410	32,860	32,630	33,300	32,910	33,020	33,440	33,350	33,330	32,570	32,520	32,570
	15.0	16.1	15.4	15.6	14.8	14.6	15.7	15.2	15.6	17.3	16.3	15.5	12.1	11.7	10.9
Washington	6,200	6,380	6,630	6,740	6,420	6,530	6,500	6,340	6,210	6,330	6,400	6,550	6,510	6,770	6,610
	16.9	20.0	21.4	22.6	18.6	17.5	16.4	15.8	15.7	17.8	18.1	18.0	16.1	18.5	17.2
Wilcox	6,380	5,860	5,720	5,590	5,500	5,590	5,680	5,490	5,320	5,340	5,380	5,230	5,340	5,410	5,420
	18.7	20.3	20.8	19.5	18.4	18.3	18.1	17.6	17.1	18.8	18.0	17.2	16.1	16.0	16.6
Winston	8,480	9,150	9,360	9,510	9,280	9,170	9,290	9,170	8,960	9,570	9,850	9,450	9,450	9,500	9,400
	22.5	18.6	16.9	17.3	16.3	14.8	15.3	16.2	16.5	23.4	25.8	20.0	17.9	18.4	16.2
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	551,093	643,182	49,281	33,162	70,692	22,392	85,365	50,213	46,894	51,145	40,064	53,684	72,261	83,186	44,217
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	8,142	6,288	353	343	819	430	826	757	423	583	508	232	718	905	769
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	1,222,158	788,611	71,690	51,007	33,212	51,981	64,610	81,993	64,282	69,760	39,449	46,631	32,516	60,111	47,488
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	14,577	9,496	1,150	610	344	524	547	546	868	1,731	1,283	1,667	2,096	1,930	1,915
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[8] *(1,000 tons)*	39,655	34,916	3,268	2,560	3,013	2,812	2,948	3,118	2,653	3,017	2,522	3,015	3,110	3,266	3,413
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	22,680	23,017	1,678	2,149	2,571	2,547	1,798	1,588	1,884	2,494	2,093	1,793	1,604	1,607	1,968
Gasoline sales[9] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,840,396	1,861,406	159,700	159,303	165,359	153,217	153,174	148,354	168,460	150,958	141,859	162,105	162,606	162,470	....
New passenger car registrations[10] *(number)*	100,717	122,393	10,660	11,039	10,012	11,288	10,378	10,295	11,751	10,453	11,116	11,051	11,616	13,890	12,648
Taxable retail sales by kind of business; state totals[11] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	289	281	305	305	283	....
General stores with food and gas	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	13	12	14	14	15	....
General merchandise	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	157	144	176	191	191	....
Apparel	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	35	34	46	52	45	....
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	41	40	44	43	43	....
Automotive	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	211	234	275	260	277	....
Gasoline service stations	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	22	22	25	25	24	....
Lumber and building materials	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	55	61	73	77	81	....
Hardware and farm implements	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	29	37	39	40	....
Eating places	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	95	100	112	102	102	....
Drug stores	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	22	21	21	21	24	....
All other retail	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	153	156	173	174	172	....
Total sales by retail concerns	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,115	1,134	1,302	1,303	1,298	....
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	190	188	214	216	228	....
Total all sales at retail	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,305	1,321	1,516	1,519	1,525	....
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[11] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	36,218	36,363	42,530	42,190	42,848	....
Birmingham	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	347,168	363,465	421,798	415,612	424,925	....
Dothan	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	42,222	43,478	50,260	50,977	51,172	....
Florence	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	32,540	32,351	37,577	38,202	38,641	....
Gadsden	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	74,333	80,425	85,601	85,114	87,309	....
Huntsville	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	149,189	150,466	173,136	177,013	161,515	....
Mobile	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	99,247	102,776	116,568	116,875	121,764	....
Montgomery	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	47,055	45,684	51,843	50,466	51,612	....
Tuscaloosa	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	43,786	47,672	53,475	52,778	55,168	....
Counties															
Autauga	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6,749	6,975	7,962	8,222	8,016	....
Baldwin	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	22,298	24,488	27,996	28,495	29,301	....
Barbour	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6,143	4,783	5,970	5,863	6,028	....
Bibb	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,797	2,970	3,280	3,281	3,621	....
Blount	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6,051	6,128	6,962	7,119	7,738	....
Bullock	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,107	2,142	2,143	2,101	1,918	....
Butler	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5,521	4,826	5,441	5,792	5,545	....
Calhoun	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	36,218	36,363	42,530	42,190	42,848	....
Chambers	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	8,075	8,122	9,209	10,606	9,462	....
Cherokee	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3,446	3,634	3,909	4,127	4,330	....
Chilton	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6,947	7,004	8,126	8,241	8,328	....
Choctaw	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,995	2,749	3,443	3,030	2,827	....
Clarke	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	6,232	7,229	8,266	8,567	7,744	....
Clay	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,884	1,877	2,294	2,215	2,227	....
Cleburne	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,682	1,611	1,935	1,948	1,979	....
Coffee	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	13,467	14,291	16,941	16,196	16,199	....

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Type of Activity	Annual		1983							1984					
	1982	1983	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	17,564	18,126	20,904	21,036	21,558	......
Conecuh	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	2,505	2,723	3,438	3,119	2,867	......
Coosa	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	619	523	723	720	658	......
Covington	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	9,580	10,523	12,081	11,494	11,989	......
Crenshaw	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	2,369	2,319	2,453	2,518	2,476	......
Cullman	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	15,925	16,815	19,753	19,955	20,121	......
Dale	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	7,035	7,619	8,762	8,461	8,612	......
Dallas	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	14,217	14,083	16,672	16,297	16,689	......
DeKalb	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	13,348	13,021	13,811	14,684	15,406	......
Elmore	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	7,196	7,516	8,410	8,162	8,792	......
Escambia	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	9,859	10,739	12,077	12,411	11,355	......
Etowah	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	32,540	32,351	37,577	38,202	38,641	......
Fayette	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	4,728	4,969	5,815	5,397	5,639	......
Franklin	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	6,713	7,347	8,498	8,388	8,389	......
Geneva	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	10,841	11,554	11,973	11,993	12,263	......
Greene	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	1,267	1,281	1,564	1,485	1,537	......
Hale	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	2,239	2,394	2,763	2,565	2,776	......
Henry	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	2,323	2,464	3,029	3,008	2,888	......
Houston	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	36,751	40,053	44,713	44,317	46,556	......
Jackson	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	9,259	9,452	10,924	10,887	11,127	......
Jefferson	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	294,567	309,817	360,749	353,694	358,803	......
Lamar	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	2,691	2,901	3,797	3,122	3,376	......
Lauderdale	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	24,658	25,350	29,356	29,941	29,614	......
Lawrence	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	3,647	3,475	4,130	4,193	4,555	......
Lee	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	24,946	24,850	28,179	28,058	27,826	......
Limestone	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	11,168	11,418	13,548	13,243	13,969	......
Lowndes	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	1,271	1,207	1,325	1,362	1,521	......
Macon	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	3,847	3,179	3,474	3,642	3,703	......
Madison	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	74,333	80,425	85,601	85,114	87,309	......
Marengo	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	5,543	5,108	5,662	5,433	5,278	......
Marion	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	6,858	7,0[illegible]4	8,208	7,463	7,845	......
Marshall	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	22,754	23,951	27,928	28,021	30,222	......
Mobile	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	126,891	125,978	145,140	148,518	132,214	......
Monroe	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	6,164	6,518	8,373	7,645	7,436	......
Montgomery	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	85,302	88,285	100,196	100,491	104,956	......
Morgan	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	30,390	31,374	36,623	37,555	38,256	......
Perry	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	1,631	1,870	2,144	2,027	2,097	......
Pickens	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	2,963	2,925	3,473	3,612	3,542	......
Pike	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	6,438	6,656	7,653	7,288	7,214	......
Randolph	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	5,135	4,639	4,898	4,435	4,726	......
Russell	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	8,165	8,968	9,973	9,856	10,005	......
St. Clair	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	8,314	9,206	10,376	10,223	10,689	......
Shelby	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	17,846	17,885	20,994	20,633	22,440	......
Sumter	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	2,319	2,163	2,865	2,442	2,359	......
Talladega	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	17,274	17,156	19,144	20,215	22,535	......
Tallapoosa	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	9,581	9,637	10,573	11,353	11,502	......
Tuscaloosa	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	47,055	45,684	51,843	50,466	51,612	......
Walker	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	20,390	20,429	22,717	23,943	25,255	......
Washington	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	1,575	1,619	1,709	1,815	1,860	......
Wilcox	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	2,935	2,092	2,414	2,236	2,944	......
Winston	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	4,972	5,188	6,001	6,139	6,128	......
Statewide[11]	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	84,042	63,264	74,478	81,664	75,158	......
BUILDING PERMITS[12]															
Alabama															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	712,696	1,079,085	72,677	93,959	120,559	96,165	86,676	162,881	76,349	65,449	75,497	99,328	193,079	97,366	115,116
Residential	237,082	449,881	32,005	39,580	47,066	34,835	43,819	42,063	27,533	24,927	38,376	39,447	46,811	38,102	43,568
Nonresidential	300,343	366,127	20,565	26,714	35,834	29,816	19,695	95,659	33,868	22,711	21,524	32,351	130,709	42,724	53,582
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	5,965	8,848	905	826	895	794	818	718	693	595	644	790	788	915	842
Residential	2,700	3,593	346	306	309	263	268	261	231	247	255	317	317	408	324
Nonresidential	442	932	112	92	124	106	109	101	81	75	93	126	113	117	139
Birmingham															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	109,048	213,343	8,012	7,729	14,059	30,767	9,844	83,104	6,605	5,689	4,413	8,945	7,619	5,562	8,258
Residential	13,918	31,921	1,221	1,378	1,317	2,529	4,275	904	885	1,100	1,574	2,100	2,551	814	1,299
Nonresidential	61,839	108,370	1,911	1,855	7,416	12,498	767	70,397	526	985	530	1,071	90	768	2,963
Decatur															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	8,551	14,095	1,235	1,167	1,367	1,424	1,278	1,004	789	912	1,111	1,075	1,106	1,520	1,342
Residential	2,937	7,340	770	741	918	995	862	663	267	673	845	739	739	1,096	925
Nonresidential	3,812	2,156	177	150	155	156	140	116	32	73	81	115	139	172	171
Dothan															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	28,821	18,943	1,073	1,388	1,340	700	3,402	2,191	2,952	1,075	1,0[illegible]4	1,568	1,353	1,326	1,514
Residential	5,626	7,760	475	350	366	316	2,412	805	351	444	631	685	695	448	759
Nonresidential	9,720	6,339	176	468	319	40	367	1,127	2,146	457	100	452	518	238	257
Gadsden															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	10,429	13,596	529	4,695	354	549	550	1,389	1,189	656	530	214	565	1,351	865
Residential	1,517	~~2,006~~	194	170	282	224	329	75	61	110	57	92	347	976	219
Nonresidential	3,271	3,912	271	161	2	271	201	1,283	1,104	24	452	102	163	122	493
Huntsville															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	58,302	122,759	10,765	12,423	17,391	8,823	20,834	9,742	6,919	6,115	16,817	12,836	8,111	13,997	13,853
Residential	18,311	51,350	3,263	9,556	7,145	2,171	10,578	1,598	1,939	2,203	7,732	4,874	4,843	3,753	6,032
Nonresidential	14,238	45,128	5,693	669	6,403	5,166	3,320	5,238	3,809	2,270	5,358	7,169	2,413	8,366	5,970
Mobile															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	83,675	109,508	3,923	14,352	13,411	5,161	6,093	8,760	10,475	3,718	5,366	17,080	116,254	6,250	36,928
Residential	13,544	38,261	1,334	1,132	1,810	1,127	990	1,586	7,313	984	1,470	1,424	2,639	2,009	6,935
Nonresidential	43,701	49,663	664	11,007	10,337	1,465	2,188	5,173	2,058	1,419	2,488	4,160	112,221	3,331	28,665

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983							1984					
	1982	1983	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar.	Apr	May	June
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	52,352	76,984	6,777	6,275	6,829	6,315	6,326	5,764	5,127	14,164	5,100	6,477	6,330	6,994	7,007
Residential	15,363	32,619	2,568	2,473	2,354	2,081	2,108	2,278	1,874	2,436	2,131	2,462	2,509	2,493	2,528
Nonresidential	22,178	28,264	2,542	2,205	2,762	2,652	2,596	2,170	1,856	9,934	1,882	2,727	2,496	3,043	3,059
Quad-Cities[13]															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	18,563	12,978	1,244	1,612	1,361	1,250	852	1,360	699	2,642	1,410	4,666	2,443	4,910	1,260
Residential	7,481	6,391	640	473	513	623	428	874	166	480	754	1,298	700	792	323
Nonresidential	5,722	3,506	261	737	705	380	337	123	100	207	585	3,031	1,079	3,887	614
Selma															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	2,757	4,197	115	336	103	901	67	98	356	1,826	213	219	1,019	356	158
Residential	987	357	30	......	20	......	......	65	20	......	......	24	87	82	117
Nonresidential	1,739	798	10	275	20	18	30	1	......	3	133	36	717	35	......
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	21,418	30,159	3,600	2,862	3,340	3,777	1,814	1,809	613	1,505	2,647	3,328	1,804	4,323	4,183
Residential	6,592	14,849	1,205	2,338	1,194	1,378	396	717	407	1,032	1,163	2,097	988	2,153	1,284
Nonresidential	8,408	6,227	569	187	1,221	711	527	599	3	132	929	573	277	1,529	1,901

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9] Excludes sales to federal government.

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[11] Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

[12] Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

[13] Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

Revision to Retail Trade Series Introduced

This issue introduces a major revision to the retail trade series. The data series as it now exists reports only those sales at retail on which sales taxes were paid. Previously the series contained sales at retail which were exempt from taxation as well. The impact of this change is such that the series has been retitled to reflect its new, taxed-only status.

This revision comes as a result of a change in the sales tax reporting form. An abbreviated reporting form was introduced by the Alabama Revenue Department in mid-1983. The Revenue Department provides the input data from which the retail trade series is compiled.

Comparable data for periods prior to January 1984 are not available. For that reason, no annual data for 1982 and 1983 nor monthly data for 1983 appear in the tables.

Tax-exempt sales include sales in interstate commerce, sales of gasoline and lubricating oils, sales to government entities, sales of prescription drugs, and credits for vehicles and farm machinery taken as partial payment on sales.

CBER has published retail trade data in some form since 1940. Through the years the series has seen many changes, and others will come. We at CBER will strive to minimize the effects of future changes while providing the most accurate retail trade information possible.

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The Economy in Perspective

Focus on Houston County

Houston County is in the southeast portion of Alabama. It is bordered by both Florida and Georgia, and people from both these states come into Houston County to conduct some of their business. The largest city in the county is Dothan. With a 1980 Census population of 48,750, Dothan had 65 percent of the county's total population. Houston County increased its population by 32 percent between 1970 and 1980, and an additional 10,800 people have moved to Houston County since 1980. Seventy-eight percent of Houston County's people are white and 22 percent are nonwhite. Most of the nonwhites are black, although a few American Indians, Asians, and other races live there as well.

A perennial problem with Alabama's image is that its citizens are not well educated. In 1980 the Census revealed that 25 percent of Alabamians 25 years of age or older had only an eighth grade education or less. Houston County mirrored the state average with 25 percent of its adults over 25 not having attended high school. Houston County, however, fared better than the state in percent of adults 25 and over who have attended or finished college. Twenty-four percent of all Alabamians fit this category; 25.6 percent of Houston Countians do. The remaining 49.5 percent of Houston County's over-25 adults have attended or finished high school.

Generally speaking, persons under age 18 are the school-age population, persons 18 through 64 are the working-age population, and persons 65 and older are the retirement-age population. Houston County has 31.0 percent of its people under 18 (a little higher than the state average), 58.7 percent who are between 18 and 64 (about the same as the rest of the state), and 10.3 percent who are 65 or older (a little lower than the state average).

For the last six years Houston County's unemployment rate has increased steadily. Of course, the recession hit all of Alabama with a heavy hammerblow, and Houston County is fortunate that its unemployment rate has not been as high as the state average, even though Houston County's and the state's have been far above the national average. In 1983 the national unemployment rate was 9.6 percent, Alabama's was 13.7, and Houston County's was 10.8.

Total employment equals proprietors employment plus wage and salary employment. About 11.5 percent of Houston County's employment is made up of proprietors, including farm proprietors, and the remainder is wage and salary employment. Many people think of Houston County as an agricultural area, but the biggest categories of wage and salary employment in Houston County are manufacturing, retail trade, services, and state and local government. Of proprietors, 35 percent are farm proprietors and 65 percent are nonfarm proprietors.

Manufacturers employ 23 percent of Houston County people earning wages or salaries. The largest manufacturing companies there are Sony Magnetic Products of America, making electronic components; Ansell, Inc., making fabricated rubber products; Hedstrom Co., making tricycles, gym sets, and strollers; Warners Co., making women's knit underwear; Dothan Manufacturing Inc., making men's pajamas and undershorts; WexTex of Ashford, Inc., making men's and boys' sleepwear; Twitchell Corp., making fabrics for automobiles as well as other kinds of fabrics; and Sunnyland Foods of Alabama, making sausage as well as other pork and beef processing.

Retail trade businesses account for nearly 15½ percent of all wage and salary employees in Houston County, with service establishments running a close second. State and local government provides jobs for a little more than 12 percent of wage and salary employees. Although Houston County certainly has more agricultural employees than many Alabama counties, it is interesting that farm employees are only 1.3 percent of wage and salary employees in Houston County and only 35 percent of all proprietors. As mentioned earlier, proprietors represent only 11½ percent of all employment. The farm proprietors and employees together represent 12½ percent of total employment in Houston County. This percentage is above the state average and is projected to remain higher than the state average for at least a decade.

The growth rates for total personal income, personal income by place of work, and total wage and salary income in Houston County's region through 1991 are projected to be below the state average. Income from manufacturing was severely affected during the recession but is expected to recover over the next few years, although at perhaps a slower rate than the national recovery.

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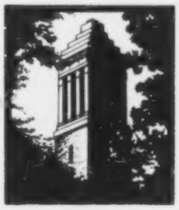

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Forecast Calls for Improved State Economy

Alabama should experience renewed economic vigor during the next ten years, according to the latest forecast of the Alabama Econometric Model (AEM). Growth in Alabama Gross State Product should consistently outpace that of Gross National Product; the state's unemployment rate should dip below the national jobless rate; the personal income of Alabamians should increase each year at rates above national income growth; and retail sales in Alabama should grow at rates well above inflation.

These measures and others from the AEM appear in a table on Page 2. The full results of the model are to be published in *Alabama Economic Outlook 1985.* The project is a joint venture between the Center for Business and Economic Research, which developed and maintains the AEM, and the Office of State Planning, Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, which will produce the publication. Readers will be notified of the *Outlook's* availability in a future issue.

Several dollar measures in the table are presented in current dollars and 1972 dollars. Those in 1972 dollars represent current values adjusted for inflation. The values for the three items under the "U.S. Deflator" heading may also be interpreted as measures of inflation.

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Selected Economic Indicators for Alabama and U.S., Projected 1984-1993

Selected Indicator	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Gross Product										
Ala. GSP, current dollars (bil)	44.170	48.389	52.458	58.457	64.436	70.701	76.601	84.920	94.194	104.372
Growth rate (%)	10.3	9.6	8.4	11.4	10.2	9.7	8.3	10.9	10.9	10.8
U.S. GNP, current dollars (bil)	3,661.302	3,963.010	4,204.383	4,609.953	5,005.000	5,408.918	5,747.871	6,230.187	6,727.570	7,260.422
Growth rate (%)	10.6	8.2	6.1	9.6	8.6	8.1	6.3	8.4	8.0	7.9
Ala. GSP, 1972 dollars (bil)	19.932	20.778	21.356	22.801	23.850	24.810	25.417	26.919	28.347	29.782
Growth rate (%)	5.6	4.2	2.8	6.8	4.6	4.0	2.4	5.9	5.3	5.1
U.S. GNP, 1972 dollars (bil)	1,631.861	1,676.559	1,685.992	1,769.695	1,823.726	1,868.918	1,878.574	1,948.138	2,001.583	2,052.156
Growth rate (%)	6.3	2.7	.6	5.0	3.1	2.5	.5	3.7	2.7	2.5
Ala. per capita GSP, 1972 dollars	4,843	4,983	5,077	5,374	5,573	5,749	5,840	6,130	6,398	6,663
Growth rate (%)	4.3	2.9	1.9	5.9	3.7	3.1	1.6	5.0	4.4	4.1
Per capita GNP, 1972 dollars	6,851	6,965	6,933	7,208	7,361	7,478	7,454	7,668	7,817	7,952
Growth rate (%)	5.1	1.7	-.5	4.0	2.1	1.6	-.3	2.9	1.9	1.7
Per capita GSP/per capita GNP	70.691	71.542	73.224	74.554	75.714	76.873	78.345	79.944	81.856	83.797
U.S. Deflator (1972 = 100) Growth Rates										
Gross national product (%)	4.1	5.4	5.5	4.5	5.4	5.5	5.7	4.5	5.1	5.3
Personal consumption (%)	3.9	5.5	5.6	4.4	5.1	5.1	5.3	4.2	4.8	5.0
Consumer Price Index (%)	3.6	5.5	5.6	5.1	5.9	5.8	5.9	4.8	5.5	5.6
Population										
Alabama (thou)	4,116	4,170	4,207	4,243	4,279	4,316	4,352	4,391	4,430	4,469
United States (thou)	238,207	240,723	243,176	245,516	247,757	249,917	252,018	254,057	256,064	258,068
Employment										
Ala. total employment (thou)	1,699	1,728	1,744	1,789	1,823	1,850	1,873	1,943	2,035	2,147
Growth rate (%)	2.3	1.7	.9	2.6	1.9	1.5	1.3	3.7	4.8	5.5
Ala. unemployment rate (%)	11.447	9.954	10.131	7.454	6.951	6.311	7.547	6.064	6.319	5.380
U.S. unemployment rate (%)	7.561	7.284	7.859	6.743	6.407	6.724	7.726	6.960	6.700	6.560
Personal Income										
Ala. total, current dollars (mil)	40,892	44,759	48,768	53,574	58,227	63,478	68,641	75,025	81,685	89,046
Growth rate (%)	9.9	9.5	9.0	9.9	8.7	9.0	8.1	9.3	8.9	9.0
Ala. total, 1972 dollars (mil)	18,448	19,136	19,742	20,782	21,487	22,279	22,880	23,999	24,922	25,868
Growth rate (%)	5.8	3.7	3.2	5.3	3.4	3.7	2.7	4.9	3.8	3.8
Ala. per capita, current dollars	9,935	10,733	11,593	12,627	13,607	14,708	15,772	17,085	18,438	19,924
Growth rate (%)	8.5	8.0	8.0	8.9	7.8	8.1	7.2	8.3	7.9	8.1
U.S. per capita, current dollars	12,654	13,612	14,531	15,527	16,471	17,571	18,672	19,902	21,118	22,388
Growth rate (%)	8.7	7.6	6.8	6.9	6.1	6.7	6.3	6.6	6.1	6.0
Ala./U.S. comparative advantage	.785	.789	.798	.813	.826	.837	.845	.858	.873	.890
Disposable Income										
Ala. total, current dollars (mil)	35,365	38,580	41,622	45,541	49,315	53,516	57,589	62,699	68,048	73,973
Growth rate (%)	10.6	9.1	7.9	9.4	8.3	8.5	7.6	8.9	8.5	8.7
Ala. total, 1972 dollars (mil)	15,955	16,494	16,849	17,666	18,198	18,783	19,196	20,056	20,761	21,489
Growth rate (%)	6.5	3.4	2.2	4.9	3.0	3.2	2.2	4.5	3.5	3.5
Ala. per capita, 1972 dollars	3,876	3,955	4,005	4,164	4,253	4,352	4,411	4,567	4,686	4,808
Growth rate (%)	5.1	2.0	1.3	4.0	2.1	2.3	1.3	3.5	2.6	2.6
Manufacturing Wage Rates										
Ala. nondurable mfg. current dollars	17,747	19,145	20,459	22,330	24,305	26,610	28,504	31,045	33,375	36,486
Growth rate (%)	7.7	7.9	6.9	9.1	8.8	9.5	7.1	8.9	7.5	9.3
U.S. nondurable mfg., current dollars	20,899	22,211	23,592	24,918	26,693	28,725	30,900	32,792	34,971	37,425
Growth rate(%)	6.0	6.3	6.2	5.6	7.1	7.6	7.6	6.1	6.6	7.0
Ala./U.S. comparative advantage	.849	.862	.867	.896	.911	.926	.922	.947	.954	.975
Ala. durable mfg., current dollars	20,806	22,419	23,913	25,782	27,946	30,423	32,730	35,091	37,576	40,644
Growth rate (%)	8.7	7.8	6.7	7.8	8.4	8.9	7.6	7.2	7.1	8.2
U.S. durable mfg., current dollars	25,128	26,761	28,470	30,104	32,303	34,854	37,645	39,886	42,618	45,590
Growth rate (%)	7.1	6.5	6.4	5.7	7.3	7.9	8.0	6.0	6.8	7.0
Ala./U.S. comparative advantage	.828	.838	.840	.856	.865	.873	.869	.880	.882	.892
Alabama Retail Trade										
Total, current dollars (mil)	27,132	29,740	32,167	36,409	39,551	42,946	45,683	51,307	56,701	62,890
Growth rate (%)	11.8	9.6	8.2	13.2	8.6	8.6	6.4	12.3	10.5	10.9
Total, 1972 dollars (mil)	12,241	12,715	13,022	14,124	14,595	15,073	15,228	16,412	17,299	18,270
Growth rate (%)	7.6	3.9	2.4	8.5	3.3	3.3	1.0	7.8	5.4	5.6
Alabama State Tax Revenues										
Total, current dollars (mil)	2,810	3,173	3,513	3,933	4,359	4,823	5,281	5,874	6,528	7,279
Growth rate (%)	15.2	12.9	10.7	11.9	10.8	10.7	9.5	11.2	11.1	11.5
Alabama Energy Consumption										
Electricity index (1972 = 100)	126.766	133.545	135.428	148.757	155.604	162.242	161.126	179.599	189.781	
Natural gas index (1972 = 100)	90.697	92.377	93.576	95.763	97.899	99.732	100.499	102.073	103.784	105.614
Gasoline consumed per capita (gal)	477	485	493	501	510	519	527	535	543	551

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1983						1984						
	1982	1983	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	25,869	23,071	1,667	2,004	1,937	2,150	2,044	1,849	2,181	2,434	2,518	2,211	2,327	2,377	2,056
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	133,892	126,576	10,189	10,541	9,028	10,409	10,453	9,407	10,962	11,26[illegible]	10,750	11,386	11,920	9,984	10,667
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	320,808	360,820	24,507	33,557	31,394	30,597	29,370	28,336	28,600	31,542	29,964	27,531	30,038	26,733	23,408
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	20,011	18,708	1,596	1,592	1,435	1,522	1,569	1,499	1,624	1,578	1,590	1,533	1,673	1,583	1,752
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	21,431	21,020	1,756	1,963	1,892	1,818	1,799	1,698	1,827	1,958	1,919	1,983	2,005	2,104	2,039
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	5,419	6,166	561	505	511	559	510	479	532	526	580	571	525	561	534
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,011,200	2,766,800	161,000	225,200	235,100	278,600	290,800	211,000	228,400	159,700	244,600	174,300	571,700	231,400	210,600
Residential	847,200	1,290,700	101,800	104,600	155,300	138,100	97,300	96,000	98,300	82,200	125,100	104,500	117,500	114,100	105,900
Nonresidential	660,000	1,019,600	44,600	75,300	45,500	108,000	162,000	82,800	112,300	36,300	66,600	47,500	92,500	71,300	60,700
Public works and utilities	504,000	456,600	14,600	45,300	34,300	32,700	31,400	32,200	17,700	41,300	52,900	22,300	361,300	46,400	43,900
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	928	1,086	102	116	101	108	92	67	68	87	108	100	112	117	102
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	4,598	5,263	5,096	5,123	5,158	5,191	5,204	5,263	5,289	5,323	5,389	5,387	5,416	5,492	5,544
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,112,332	2,288,165	173,150	191,429	219,553	186,326	221,579	154,139	205,929	202,747	264,652	234,338	246,438	198,192	195,871
Franchise	52,016	52,214	7,524	2,253	7,300	4,430	1,980	507	302	1,153	28,642	5,879	1,275	2,504	8,422
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	197,894	199,587	17,252	17,182	17,874	16,536	16,469	16,044	18,417	16,305	15,305	17,523	17,585	17,564	17,504
Income	765,160	815,838	36,785	81,341	81,067	38,160	83,559	53,073	49,125	95,328	130,393	82,889	130,465	81,367	42,840
Motor fuels	41,505	45,027	3,206	4,195	3,383	4,189	5,673	3,906	3,415	4,409	3,448	3,899	4,703	3,735	3,580
Oil/gas privilege	36,891	89,645	5,131	5,298	5,168	5,106	34,115	4,424	5,742	5,924	5,475	5,164	5,571	5,438	5,605
Oil/gas production	18,510	17,290	1,319	1,319	1,331	1,314	1,339	1,146	1,465	1,565	1,442	1,384	1,480	1,437	1,478
Sales	562,208	609,132	51,650	52,961	51,526	51,888	53,500	49,930	67,569	49,655	50,142	55,808	56,985	58,145	57,514
2.2% Gross receipts	44,104	46,185	10,738	61	3,548	10,134	63	6	13,504	152	9	13,448	210	1	13,723
TVA electric	35,999	31,290	2,831	2,831	2,911	2,867	....	2,867	5,734	....	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867
Tobacco	70,885	68,915	6,035	5,426	5,906	6,030	5,454	6,081	5,485	4,985	5,418	5,734	6,072	6,211	5,980
Use	67,876	66,519	14,707	1,097	643	15,021	1,389	459	15,067	1,975	1,045	15,351	2,019	604	16,868
Utility	134,597	152,287	10,617	11,747	12,838	22,053	11,324	11,079	14,760	15,900	13,171	11,714	9,654	11,225	12,587
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	288.8	298.4	299.3	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5	305.2	306.6	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7
Food	285.7	291.7	292.0	292.2	292.6	292.9	292.5	293.9	299.4	302.1	302.2	302.3	301.4	302.0	303.2
Housing	314.7	323.1	324.5	324.8	326.4	326.8	327.0	327.4	329.2	331.0	331.5	333.2	334.6	336.2	338.1
Fuel and utilities	350.8	370.3	375.5	375.1	376.4	374.4	371.3	370.6	376.0	383.0	380.1	380.9	385.5	390.0	393.9
Apparel and upkeep	191.8	196.5	195.0	197.3	200.4	200.7	200.7	199.3	196.4	196.2	198.8	199.2	198.9	197.4	196.6
Transportation	291.5	298.4	300.4	302.4	303.7	305.0	306.3	306.3	306.0	305.8	306.9	309.6	312.2	313.1	312.9
Medical care	328.7	357.3	357.7	360.0	361.2	362.9	364.9	366.2	369.5	373.2	374.5	375.7	376.8	378.0	380.3
Energy	416.0	419.3	430.1	429.8	429.3	425.1	419.9	418.0	416.7	420.2	418.1	421.3	426.1	428.5	428.3
Producer Price Index, U.S.[6] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	299.3	303.1	303.2	304.7	305.3	306.0	305.5	306.1	308.0	308.9	311.0	311.3	311.7	311.4	312.0
Industrial commodities	312.3	315.7	316.5	317.3	317.1	318.5	318.3	318.4	319.1	320.6	321.9	322.6	323.3	323.9	324.0
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers *(1977 = 100)*	115.8	121.7	120.0	126.0	123.0	122.0	131.0	133.0	140.0	138.0	138.0	138.0	134.0	127.0	129.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.346	.335	.334	.333	.331	.330	.330	.329	.328	.326	.325	.324	.323	.322	.321
Wholesale prices	.334	.330	.330	.328	.328	.327	.327	.327	.325	.324	.322	.321	.321	.321	.321
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[7]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,713.0	1,744.8	1,758.3	1,746.2	1,745.3	1,774.6	1,774.9	1,732.8	1,754.8	1,759.6	1,765.8	1,777.0	1,777.0	1,794.7	1,797.2
Unemployment	247.0	235.1	232.0	214.3	214.5	220.7	223.1	197.0	238.4	227.9	218.0	197.1	185.5	195.1	212.7
Unemployment rate	14.4	13.5	13.2	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.6	11.4	13.6	13.0	12.3	11.1	10.4	10.9	11.8
Employment	1,466.0	1,509.7	1,526.3	1,531.9	1,530.8	1,553.9	1,551.8	1,535.8	1,516.4	1,531.7	1,547.8	1,579.9	1,591.5	1,599.6	1,584.5
Nonagricultural	1,312.5	1,318.4	1,332.0	1,323.7	1,326.5	1,334.8	1,336.6	1,338.8	1,324.4	1,330.2	1,333.0	1,345.7	1,348.8	1,359.5	1,348.4
Manufacturing	337.8	338.2	337.4	344.8	345.5	346.0	346.3	345.6	344.6	345.2	346.6	351.1	351.8	353.7	345.5
Durable goods	159.1	157.6	157.9	160.9	161.1	161.9	162.6	162.2	161.9	162.9	165.4	167.0	167.5	168.4	167.1
Lumber and wood products	25.1	27.6	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.6	28.4	28.3	27.8	28.2	28.8	28.9	29.0	29.0	29.2
Stone, clay, glass products	8.6	8.7	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.8	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.0
Primary metals	29.6	24.8	24.3	24.9	24.5	24.6	24.6	24.8	25.2	25.2	26.2	26.2	26.4	26.2	25.8
Blast furn. and steel works	8.8	5.7	5.5	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.5	6.1	6.6	7.1	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.9	7.7
Iron and steel foundries	11.4	10.5	10.4	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.5	9.9	10.0	9.6	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.0	9.8
Fabricated metals	22.8	21.7	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.4	22.4	22.0	22.2	22.2	22.4	22.4	22.4	22.5
Machinery (excl. electrical)	....	14.8	14.9	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.6	15.9	15.9	16.1	16.4	16.3
Electrical, electronic equip.	....	21.8	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.0	22.3	22.3	22.5	22.9	22.9	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.3
Transportation	22.6	21.5	20.2	21.8	22.0	22.6	22.7	22.4	22.5	22.6	22.9	23.3	23.4	23.9	23.9
Other durable goods	16.0	17.2	17.7	17.7	17.8	17.9	18.2	18.1	17.9	17.5	17.7	18.0	17.9	18.0	17.1
Nondurable goods	178.8	180.6	179.5	183.9	184.4	184.1	183.7	183.4	182.7	182.3	181.2	184.1	184.3	185.3	178.4
Food	26.5	26.9	27.3	27.4	27.4	27.5	27.2	27.1	26.9	26.5	26.5	26.7	26.8	27.3	27.3
Textile mill products	38.8	39.1	37.6	39.6	40.2	40.3	40.3	40.4	40.4	40.3	40.4	40.4	40.2	39.8	38.0
Apparel	53.0	54.3	53.8	55.4	56.0	55.5	55.4	55.1	54.4	54.7	53.6	55.7	56.2	56.2	50.9
Paper and allied products	21.0	21.4	21.9	22.1	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.3	21.1	20.8	21.2	21.0	21.5	21.6
Printing and publishing	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.8	10.7	10.7	10.6
Chemicals and allied products	13.1	11.8	11.5	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0
Rubber products	13.8	14.6	14.8	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.7	15.9
Other nondurable goods	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	974.7	980.1	994.6	978.9	981.0	988.8	990.3	993.2	979.8	985.0	986.4	994.6	997.0	1,005.8	1,002.9
Mining and quarrying	16.2	13.6	13.7	13.6	12.9	13.3	13.6	13.5	13.1	13.8	13.7	13.9	14.0	14.2	14.2
Bituminous coal mining	12.1	10.3	10.5	10.4	9.7	10.1	10.4	9.5	9.1	9.8	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0
Contract construction	56.8	59.4	62.0	62.6	62.7	62.6	63.0	62.4	60.1	60.7	60.4	62.6	63.3	66.1	66.7
Trans., comm., and utilities	71.1	69.7	70.7	64.6	70.7	71.3	70.9	71.1	70.6	71.3	71.6	71.4	71.9	72.7	72.0
Trade	267.4	271.0	272.7	273.0	273.7	275.5	278.0	282.1	273.9	272.9	274.1	277.5	278.8	280.9	281.8
Wholesale	70.0	69.7	70.2	70.3	70.4	70.6	70.8	70.7	70.8	71.2	71.3	71.6	71.7	71.6	72.1
Retail	197.4	201.3	202.5	202.7	203.3	204.9	207.2	211.4	203.1	201.7	202.8	205.9	207.1	209.3	209.7
Finance, insurance, real estate	58.8	59.4	60.3	60.2	59.8	59.6	59.6	59.6	59.8	60.0	60.3	60.6	61.1	61.7	62.2
Service and miscellaneous	214.4	217.8	219.8	219.8	219.7	219.6	218.6	218.3	216.3	218.3	219.2	220.4	220.0	219.3	218.5
Government	290.1	289.2	295.4	285.1	281.5	286.9	286.6	286.2	286.0	288.0	287.1	288.2	287.9	290.9	287.5
Federal	65.1	64.6	65.5	65.4	64.9	64.3	64.1	64.0	63.9	63.7	63.6	63.9	64.2	64.6	64.8
State and local	224.9	224.6	229.9	219.7	216.6	222.6	222.5	222.2	222.1	224.3	223.5	224.3	223.7	226.3	222.7

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983						1984						
	1982	1983	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT--CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	176,752	207,309	20,987	19,505	17,884	14,485	14,784	11,998	17,938	16,014	16,084	14,672	17,512	18,528	20,564
Nonagricultural placements	66,900	91,100	15,126	10,484	7,499	7,117	6,071	5,114	5,741	5,509	6,477	7,082	7,314	9,582	14,871
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	632,290	428,181	49,017	29,803	24,506	27,873	28,728	35,738	75,004	29,677	28,150	24,214	25,009	23,457	50,560
Payments *($1,000)*	233,984	191,868	13,217	15,186	13,556	11,656	12,540	13,999	18,452	15,901	15,566	11,949	13,048	12,192	13,536
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,080	15,780	15,770	15,590	15,610	15,710	15,680	15,460	15,530	15,420	15,460	15,600	15,560	15,670	15,570
	15.0	14.1	12.6	11.5	11.8	11.6	11.7	10.8	12.7	11.3	10.5	9.7	8.9	8.8	9.1
Baldwin	33,390	33,830	34,910	34,040	33,640	33,970	33,950	33,760	34,310	34,670	34,600	34,300	33,850	34,510	35,050
	12.1	12.3	12.6	11.3	11.3	11.0	11.3	11.8	14.0	13.7	12.6	10.3	8.8	9.0	10.5
Barbour	11,510	11,980	12,320	12,130	12,040	12,090	11,800	11,520	11,610	11,660	11,580	11,920	12,030	12,040	12,010
	16.2	13.1	13.3	12.8	11.1	10.9	10.9	10.8	13.0	12.2	10.2	9.6	9.1	9.6	10.8
Bibb	5,670	5,940	6,180	5,620	5,820	5,770	5,770	5,690	6,040	5,790	5,990	5,920	5,950	6,000	5,950
	22.8	19.6	17.2	16.2	17.9	15.0	15.4	18.0	25.3	20.0	19.6	19.1	16.8	15.1	15.6
Blount	14,050	13,520	13,680	13,440	13,510	13,730	13,130	12,890	12,870	13,020	13,200	13,290	13,360	13,370	13,390
	19.9	18.1	19.1	16.0	15.2	14.2	14.7	14.0	17.1	16.8	21.0	13.6	11.6	11.7	13.0
Bullock	4,480	4,530	4,690	4,720	4,770	4,820	4,660	4,410	4,230	4,250	4,250	4,390	4,510	4,590	4,600
	18.3	17.2	20.1	18.4	15.0	14.3	14.9	15.2	16.1	14.1	13.3	11.6	11.0	14.5	17.5
Butler	9,960	9,900	10,020	9,900	9,910	10,250	9,940	9,720	9,900	9,770	9,810	9,830	9,900	9,960	10,020
	20.3	17.3	17.9	15.9	14.0	15.2	13.3	12.0	16.7	15.5	15.1	13.2	12.6	13.9	15.2
Calhoun	45,620	46,560	47,340	46,910	46,350	46,850	46,310	46,520	47,170	47,220	47,470	47,820	47,820	48,380	49,370
	15.1	13.1	13.2	12.0	10.9	11.5	10.8	11.3	12.9	12.2	11.7	10.0	9.5	9.9	13.2
Chambers	16,280	16,920	17,460	17,230	16,790	17,070	16,880	16,760	16,760	16,850	16,950	17,050	17,160	17,220	17,280
	11.3	9.8	11.2	9.7	7.8	8.7	8.3	7.8	8.8	9.3	8.8	8.9	9.9	10.1	11.1
Cherokee	11,390	11,400	11,120	10,910	11,600	11,770	11,430	10,860	11,090	11,110	11,120	11,680	11,640	11,040	11,590
	14.8	15.4	19.4	17.4	9.7	13.4	10.2	11.1	14.5	17.4	20.8	11.3	11.2	18.8	18.5
Chilton	13,450	15,420	15,600	15,650	15,580	15,820	15,640	15,360	15,490	15,540	15,650	15,710	15,880	16,060	15,930
	15.6	13.3	12.0	11.5	10.9	10.3	10.7	10.5	12.7	11.7	11.7	11.1	10.4	10.7	11.6
Choctaw	5,280	5,560	5,830	5,570	5,430	5,510	5,440	5,500	5,610	5,650	5,660	5,650	5,670	5,530	5,790
	15.3	15.2	19.0	14.7	12.9	12.6	11.4	12.8	15.2	16.1	15.9	13.8	14.7	13.8	18.4
Clarke	10,450	10,810	11,090	10,300	10,580	10,620	10,580	10,560	10,870	10,680	10,780	10,640	10,650	10,720	10,970
	15.9	16.2	17.0	14.6	13.4	13.2	13.6	13.8	15.9	14.9	13.8	12.7	12.7	12.8	15.2
Clay	7,400	7,520	7,720	7,470	7,590	7,690	7,670	7,510	7,650	7,670	7,840	7,950	7,930	7,890	7,860
	13.5	13.8	17.4	12.9	11.8	11.3	11.3	10.7	12.3	11.8	10.8	9.8	10.3	10.7	11.2
Cleburne	5,080	5,210	5,180	5,050	5,290	5,280	5,190	5,160	5,090	5,100	5,130	5,150	5,120	5,280	5,500
	14.5	12.5	11.0	9.6	10.0	9.6	9.7	9.7	11.2	10.9	10.8	8.7	8.4	9.9	14.0
Coffee	19,410	20,040	20,360	20,320	20,440	20,340	20,020	19,700	19,430	20,030	20,030	20,120	20,240	20,160	20,180
	11.8	10.8	10.7	9.8	8.8	8.5	8.9	9.6	10.2	10.5	9.8	8.1	8.2	8.2	9.0
Colbert	23,620	24,050	24,490	24,040	23,600	23,710	23,500	23,520	23,760	24,310	24,140	24,310	23,880	24,060	24,020
	19.0	18.5	18.6	17.4	16.4	15.8	15.3	15.5	19.0	20.1	18.3	17.8	16.0	16.2	17.1
Conecuh	6,820	7,010	7,090	7,040	7,100	7,060	6,970	7,120	7,050	7,010	7,130	7,260	7,370	7,360	7,280
	13.9	12.7	12.3	11.1	12.6	11.7	12.3	13.7	13.7	14.1	12.6	11.1	10.0	10.6	11.5
Coosa	5,630	5,570	5,610	5,480	5,590	5,610	5,600	5,520	5,510	5,520	5,460	5,610	5,580	5,500	5,540
	10.8	10.3	11.6	9.5	8.1	7.7	8.2	7.8	9.0	8.8	7.8	7.5	6.5	7.9	7.8
Covington	15,630	16,340	16,710	16,690	16,590	16,580	16,500	16,160	16,280	16,570	16,360	16,370	16,370	16,310	16,290
	13.5	12.3	14.9	12.3	10.9	10.3	11.1	11.3	12.8	13.4	11.6	10.1	9.0	9.2	10.8
Crenshaw	6,830	7,220	7,790	7,340	7,570	7,640	7,250	6,820	6,750	6,810	6,920	7,170	7,440	7,220	7,100
	13.8	12.1	24.3	10.8	9.9	8.6	8.3	8.6	12.5	11.9	12.7	10.3	10.6	10.0	11.0
Cullman	27,400	28,710	29,190	28,570	29,050	29,480	28,830	28,050	28,430	28,700	29,070	29,160	29,300	29,220	29,070
	17.2	14.7	14.4	12.5	11.9	11.1	10.9	10.7	14.2	14.6	12.9	10.6	9.6	10.1	11.1
Dale	12,410	12,980	13,210	12,950	12,760	13,110	12,890	12,630	12,760	12,780	12,980	12,980	13,080	13,040	13,180
	13.1	13.7	14.2	12.6	11.6	11.8	12.1	11.5	12.8	13.3	13.7	11.4	11.0	11.0	13.4
Dallas	23,870	23,640	24,420	23,830	23,440	23,540	23,370	22,910	23,360	23,400	23,260	23,480	23,220	23,700	23,780
	17.3	17.5	18.0	16.3	15.5	15.2	15.3	14.7	17.0	16.6	15.6	15.5	14.3	15.2	16.5
DeKalb	28,460	29,350	31,260	30,580	30,100	30,200	29,530	28,890	29,440	29,310	29,580	30,100	30,290	30,670	31,270
	13.4	13.8	14.7	12.0	12.1	13.0	12.3	11.6	14.5	12.7	12.0	10.8	10.1	10.6	11.4
Elmore	19,880	20,770	21,150	21,020	20,680	20,780	20,570	20,250	20,170	20,220	20,390	20,570	20,670	20,860	20,700
	13.3	12.2	12.3	11.7	10.4	10.1	9.5	8.4	9.6	9.1	8.8	8.0	7.7	7.8	8.0
Escambia	16,470	17,430	17,890	17,360	17,340	17,360	17,410	17,440	17,560	17,610	17,420	17,610	17,680	17,770	17,660
	13.2	12.6	13.7	12.4	11.3	11.3	12.1	12.6	14.3	13.5	11.8	11.3	11.3	10.8	11.4
Etowah	42,720	42,450	42,830	42,350	41,440	41,890	41,720	41,370	41,660	41,700	41,500	41,810	41,700	42,230	42,870
	20.5	17.5	17.0	15.3	14.0	14.0	14.2	13.5	15.8	15.3	14.3	13.4	11.7	11.6	13.6
Fayette	9,830	10,170	10,200	10,100	10,330	10,450	10,310	10,160	10,160	10,170	10,340	10,490	10,550	10,540	10,530
	11.4	11.7	11.7	10.9	10.7	9.6	9.4	9.7	10.5	9.7	9.9	8.9	8.1	8.7	9.8
Franklin	13,310	14,200	15,010	14,530	14,500	14,440	14,320	14,010	15,060	15,190	15,390	14,930	14,910	14,830	15,100
	18.4	18.2	24.4	15.9	15.9	15.5	16.6	16.6	25.7	23.0	22.1	18.3	17.2	15.9	21.6
Geneva	10,800	11,400	11,680	11,450	11,570	11,950	11,600	11,470	11,330	11,320	11,430	11,670	11,830	11,940	11,760
	11.4	10.5	10.9	9.9	8.5	8.3	8.3	9.4	10.2	9.4	8.9	8.4	7.7	7.5	9.8
Greene	4,560	4,610	4,610	4,510	4,560	4,590	4,480	4,420	4,610	4,700	4,640	4,780	4,730	4,680	4,690
	17.0	16.7	15.3	14.1	13.3	12.7	13.5	15.4	21.5	21.4	17.7	16.8	14.6	15.5	16.4
Hale	4,980	5,310	5,550	5,260	5,360	5,460	5,340	5,270	5,360	5,310	5,310	5,450	5,440	5,510	5,570
	20.7	16.6	19.3	13.5	13.0	12.8	14.8	18.2	22.6	19.6	17.9	16.8	15.0	16.3	21.2
Henry	7,010	7,260	7,360	7,260	7,480	7,670	7,410	7,140	7,020	7,100	7,050	7,390	7,540	7,350	7,240
	12.2	11.2	12.5	10.7	10.0	9.1	9.3	9.4	11.5	10.2	8.6	8.4	8.3	8.8	10.6
Houston	39,040	40,070	41,010	40,360	40,720	41,050	40,160	39,630	39,610	39,840	40,080	40,770	41,060	41,290	41,010
	10.0	10.8	12.4	10.5	10.0	9.7	9.4	9.2	10.4	9.4	8.9	8.6	8.7	8.7	10.3
Jackson	21,080	20,800	21,480	20,280	20,690	20,980	20,320	19,980	19,810	19,930	19,660	19,640	19,440	19,200	19,940
	20.4	22.0	23.6	17.6	18.8	19.5	19.0	20.7	22.0	21.8	19.3	16.4	14.5	15.7	22.0
Jefferson	306,120	310,270	315,270	310,460	308,350	307,640	305,340	303,270	306,020	305,750	308,780	310,420	309,110	313,030	313,360
	13.8	12.8	12.5	11.8	11.6	10.8	10.7	10.1	11.6	10.7	10.9	9.9	9.2	9.4	9.8
Lamar	8,330	8,820	8,880	8,670	8,780	8,960	8,900	8,730	8,830	8,940	8,980	9,100	9,060	9,270	9,180
	13.5	9.8	9.9	8.7	8.2	7.9	8.4	7.3	8.9	8.2	7.5	7.5	7.2	8.6	9.2
Lauderdale	34,260	34,810	35,810	34,840	34,370	34,610	34,220	34,350	34,800	35,380	35,280	34,890	34,530	34,910	35,120
	17.5	16.9	17.7	15.8	15.2	14.8	14.0	14.5	18.3	18.8	17.4	15.4	14.2	14.7	16.2
Lawrence	14,310	14,490	14,840	14,140	13,910	13,990	13,680	13,380	13,650	13,720	13,660	13,870	13,880	13,730	13,790
	18.9	18.7	18.1	16.8	16.2	15.7	16.0	16.9	19.1	18.9	16.8	16.3	15.5	14.4	15.3
Lee	34,330	36,140	36,280	36,600	36,370	37,120	36,770	35,890	36,440	36,770	36,650	37,140	37,420	37,650	36,470
	9.4	8.4	8.7	8.0	7.2	6.9	6.5	6.0	7.3	7.2	6.4	6.6	6.2	7.8	7.8
Limestone	22,840	23,940	23,890	24,030	24,200	24,180	24,040	23,780	24,290	24,430	24,300	24,780	24,770	24,940	24,900
	13.6	11.0	9.2	8.9	9.0	8.6	9.0	8.5	11.2	11.1	9.7	9.6	8.5	8.5	9.0
Lowndes	4,960	5,320	5,370	5,400	5,490	5,560	5,420	5,290	5,260	5,270	5,180	5,390	5,360	5,300	5,290
	19.2	17.6	18.7	18.1	16.0	16.0	14.0	14.3	19.3	18.3	17.7	19.7	17.7	18.6	20.3
Macon	7,820	8,000	8,120	8,160	8,030	8,090	7,800	7,760	7,810	7,810	7,780	7,930	8,000	8,360	8,220
	14.9	13.5	15.2	14.6	11.4	11.2	11.1	11.4	12.7	11.9	10.6	10.5	9.6	13.9	14.3
Madison	94,570	100,410	101,810	102,590	102,490	103,030	102,090	100,970	102,220	102,160	104,170	104,170	104,860	105,950	104,940
	10.7	9.2	8.8	8.6	8.0	8.1	8.2	7.7	9.7	9.0	9.8	7.9	7.5	7.7	7.6
Marengo	9,690	9,920	10,210	9,840	9,790	9,860	9,790	9,640	9,860	9,800	9,970	9,960	9,960	10,260	10,430
	15.4	15.4	17.1	13.4	12.2	11.7	12.1	12.9	15.0	14.2	15.0	12.7	11.7	12.7	15.6
Marion	13,300	13,760	14,320	13,810	13,490	13,500	13,580	13,250	13,550	13,490	13,490	13,420	13,320	13,390	13,490
	18.3	19.4	20.5	17.4	16.2	16.1	17.7	15.6	18.6	17.6	16.4	14.2	12.3	11.6	13.9
Marshall	33,020	34,920	37,360	35,030	35,200	35,260	35,020	34,960	35,930	36,000	35,470	35,910	35,770	36,400	38,390
	14.8	13.0	17.2	10.9	10.8	10.6	10.9	11.2	14.4	14.0	11.8	11.0	9.6	10.5	15.8
Mobile	158,750	163,820	169,240	167,360	163,240	163,950	161,260	158,890	163,040	163,710	164,260	164,740	164,340	167,090	167,440
	14.0	15.9	16.2	16.2	15.1	14.3	13.3	12.9	15.9	15.1	14.5	13.3	12.8	12.7	12.9

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983						1984						
	1982	1983	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	10,360	10,770	10,920	10,860	10,820	10,950	10,980	10,900	10,940	10,950	10,900	11,010	10,840	11,060	11,020
	14.2	12.6	12.2	11.4	10.9	11.7	12.6	12.4	15.6	14.9	13.4	12.6	10.1	12.5	12.7
Montgomery	88,090	92,650	94,460	93,700	93,230	94,230	93,970	92,810	92,730	93,380	93,460	94,480	94,540	96,350	95,770
	11.1	10.6	10.8	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.0	9.3	10.7	10.6	9.6	9.0	8.4	9.4	9.7
Morgan	37,450	37,990	38,810	38,190	37,970	37,960	37,520	37,080	37,630	37,490	37,810	38,060	38,070	38,590	38,390
	16.1	14.5	14.4	13.6	13.0	12.8	12.4	11.9	14.5	13.6	13.7	12.4	11.6	12.0	12.5
Perry	5,690	5,860	6,010	5,940	5,910	5,950	5,870	5,780	5,840	5,690	5,660	5,730	5,780	5,910	5,860
	15.7	14.8	14.2	13.6	11.6	11.2	15.7	19.2	22.4	15.1	12.1	10.8	10.0	10.4	12.5
Pickens	7,550	7,630	7,790	7,620	7,590	7,650	7,510	7,600	7,500	7,540	7,450	7,590	7,730	7,790	7,700
	19.7	17.7	17.9	15.7	14.4	14.2	13.3	16.3	17.9	17.3	15.8	15.2	16.4	15.2	15.7
Pike	13,260	13,770	13,990	13,660	13,710	14,370	13,890	12,960	13,360	13,420	13,590	13,680	13,870	13,890	13,620
	13.4	13.7	14.8	13.3	11.9	10.6	10.8	11.9	12.0	11.8	12.0	9.6	8.9	9.9	10.6
Randolph	9,710	9,170	9,710	9,040	8,880	9,310	9,050	8,950	8,890	8,830	8,780	8,820	8,880	8,650	9,240
	21.7	17.8	24.5	16.4	12.7	12.1	12.7	13.8	18.0	16.2	15.9	13.1	12.9	14.0	22.0
Russell	17,990	18,320	18,590	18,510	18,080	18,230	18,190	18,210	19,480	18,890	18,560	18,790	18,930	20,370	19,660
	16.7	13.7	12.8	11.5	11.7	11.6	11.2	11.5	17.9	14.3	12.1	11.8	11.9	17.0	13.7
St. Clair	18,980	19,350	19,240	19,000	19,090	19,070	19,100	19,280	19,310	19,470	19,030	19,280	19,110	19,330	19,280
	14.7	14.2	12.0	11.6	12.4	11.7	12.4	13.2	14.0	13.9	11.3	10.9	9.8	9.9	9.9
Shelby	29,940	30,510	30,930	30,580	30,380	30,570	30,230	30,220	30,890	30,650	30,300	30,740	30,910	31,490	31,510
	13.0	12.4	11.9	11.6	11.4	11.4	10.9	10.9	13.6	12.1	10.3	10.1	10.3	11.0	11.4
Sumter	6,810	6,990	7,250	7,120	6,900	7,100	7,110	6,850	7,060	7,040	7,170	7,220	7,180	7,360	7,330
	17.7	14.3	16.7	13.7	10.6	11.1	11.8	9.9	12.2	11.1	12.0	13.3	10.1	13.2	13.5
Talladega	30,840	32,030	32,590	32,380	32,240	32,440	31,670	31,300	31,730	31,670	31,920	32,210	31,900	32,680	32,130
	19.2	17.1	17.4	16.2	14.8	14.2	13.5	13.0	15.0	14.6	14.7	14.5	13.5	15.1	15.0
Tallapoosa	16,900	16,580	17,390	16,780	16,510	16,660	16,560	16,620	16,850	16,970	17,080	17,220	17,160	17,620	17,600
	13.5	12.2	15.7	12.0	9.8	10.3	9.6	9.9	10.6	10.2	9.8	8.7	8.0	9.3	9.7
Tuscaloosa	55,530	56,520	56,610	56,210	55,900	56,800	56,540	56,400	56,910	57,500	58,020	58,090	58,180	57,710	57,230
	12.6	12.5	12.8	12.1	10.9	10.9	10.5	10.3	11.8	11.2	11.1	9.7	10.3	10.1	10.3
Walker	31,760	32,980	33,410	32,860	32,630	33,300	32,910	33,020	33,440	33,350	33,330	32,570	32,520	32,570	32,700
	15.0	16.1	15.6	14.8	14.6	15.7	15.2	15.6	17.3	16.3	15.5	12.1	11.7	10.9	11.6
Washington	6,200	6,380	6,740	6,420	6,530	6,500	6,340	6,210	6,330	6,400	6,550	6,510	6,770	6,610	6,770
	16.9	20.0	22.6	18.6	17.5	16.4	15.8	15.7	17.8	18.1	18.0	16.1	18.5	17.2	21.6
Wilcox	6,380	5,860	5,590	5,500	5,590	5,680	5,490	5,320	5,340	5,380	5,230	5,340	5,410	5,420	5,360
	18.7	20.3	19.5	18.4	18.3	18.1	17.6	17.1	18.8	18.0	17.2	16.1	16.0	16.6	18.0
Winston	8,480	9,150	9,510	9,280	9,170	9,290	9,170	8,960	9,570	9,850	9,450	9,450	9,500	9,400	9,310
	22.5	18.6	17.3	16.3	14.8	15.3	16.2	16.5	23.4	25.8	20.0	17.9	18.4	16.2	17.4
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	551,093	643,182	33,162	70,692	22,392	85,365	50,213	46,894	51,145	40,064	53,684	72,261	83,186	44,217	90,034
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	8,142	6,288	343	819	430	826	757	423	583	508	232	718	905	769	988
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	1,222,158	788,611	51,007	33,212	51,981	64,610	81,993	64,282	69,760	39,449	46,631	32,516	60,111	47,488	31,808
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	14,577	9,496	610	344	524	547	546	866	1,731	1,283	1,667	2,096	1,930	1,915	1,292
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile *(1,000 tons)*	39,655	34,916	2,560	3,013	2,812	2,948	3,118	2,653	3,017	2,522	3,015	3,110	3,266	3,413	3,307
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	22,680	23,017	2,149	2,571	2,547	1,798	1,588	1,884	2,494	2,093	1,793	1,604	1,607	1,968	2,445
Gasoline sales *(1,000 gallons)*	1,840,396	1,861,406	159,303	165,359	153,217	153,174	148,354	168,460	150,958	141,858	162,105	162,606	162,470	161,968	163,798
New passenger car registrations *(number)*	100,717	122,393	11,039	10,012	11,288	10,378	10,295	11,751	10,453	11,116	11,051	11,616	13,890	12,648	12,806
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals *($1,000,000)*															
Food	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	289	281	305	306	301	303	306
General stores with food and gas	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	13	12	14	15	15	15	14
General merchandise	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	157	144	176	191	191	196	173
Apparel	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	35	34	46	52	45	47	38
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	41	40	44	43	43	45	44
Automotive	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	211	234	275	259	278	286	260
Gasoline service stations	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	22	22	25	25	25	25	25
Lumber and building materials	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	55	61	73	77	81	82	76
Hardware and farm implements	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	23	29	37	39	40	40	36
Eating places	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	95	97	112	102	103	105	105
Drug stores	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	22	21	21	21	24	25	19
All other retail	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	153	156	173	175	175	179	156
Total sales by retail concerns	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	1,115	1,130	1,303	1,304	1,324	1,347	1,251
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	190	187	213	216	227	226	204
Total all sales at retail	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	1,305	1,318	1,516	1,520	1,550	1,573	1,455
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	36,218	36,363	42,586	42,236	43,018	43,559	40,849
Birmingham	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	347,185	363,544	421,170	416,841	426,965	430,885	398,304
Dothan	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	42,222	43,478	50,264	51,014	51,399	52,086	49,508
Florence	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	32,540	32,361	37,607	38,301	38,847	39,309	40,544
Gadsden	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	74,333	77,026	85,484	85,354	87,602	88,705	84,246
Huntsville	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	149,185	150,594	173,363	177,829	178,458	185,236	173,511
Mobile	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	99,256	102,787	116,641	116,989	122,529	124,411	115,793
Montgomery	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	47,055	45,686	51,856	50,647	52,004	53,199	49,082
Tuscaloosa	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	43,786	47,673	53,482	52,839	55,864	56,854	51,565
Counties															
Autauga	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	6,750	6,981	7,965	8,236	8,092	8,394	8,222
Baldwin	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	22,302	24,494	28,036	28,648	29,908	30,703	30,425
Barbour	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	6,143	4,784	5,918	5,879	6,206	6,279	5,679
Bibb	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	2,797	2,970	3,282	3,314	3,673	3,710	3,212
Blount	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	6,051	6,128	6,962	7,137	7,731	7,873	7,221
Bullock	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	2,107	2,142	2,143	2,122	1,972	1,968	2,151
Butler	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	5,521	4,604	5,444	5,550	5,217	5,309	5,482
Calhoun	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	36,218	36,363	42,586	42,236	43,018	43,559	40,849
Chambers	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	8,075	7,883	9,211	10,567	9,371	8,901	8,468
Cherokee	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	3,446	3,634	3,913	4,128	4,339	4,417	3,794
Chilton	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	6,947	7,004	8,129	8,264	8,428	8,589	7,693
Choctaw	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	2,995	2,759	3,195	3,039	2,917	3,000	2,672
Clarke	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	6,232	7,229	8,266	8,614	7,819	7,929	7,127
Clay	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	1,884	1,877	2,294	2,215	2,233	2,261	1,930
Cleburne	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	1,686	1,611	1,936	1,951	1,982	1,997	2,052
Coffee	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	......	13,469	14,295	16,957	16,212	16,482	16,255	13,887

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983						1984						
	1982	1983	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,564	18,128	20,907	21,046	21,636	21,967	21,043
Conecuh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,505	2,723	3,441	3,127	3,067	3,031	2,784
Coosa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	619	525	723	733	692	662	591
Covington	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,580	10,588	12,081	11,523	11,599	11,753	10,828
Crenshaw	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,376	2,297	2,456	2,527	2,502	2,571	2,867
Cullman	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15,925	16,817	19,753	19,987	20,146	20,881	19,607
Dale	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,035	7,619	8,766	8,481	8,812	8,918	8,299
Dallas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14,219	14,086	16,685	16,379	16,949	16,991	15,832
DeKalb	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,348	13,021	13,813	14,701	15,486	15,793	14,526
Elmore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,196	7,516	8,418	8,193	8,841	9,012	7,839
Escambia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,860	10,619	12,085	12,445	11,703	11,931	10,626
Etowah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32,540	32,361	37,607	38,301	38,847	39,309	40,544
Fayette	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,728	4,969	5,815	5,397	5,680	5,750	4,383
Franklin	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,713	7,347	8,510	8,408	8,422	8,570	7,666
Geneva	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,841	11,557	11,994	12,071	12,433	12,393	11,463
Greene	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,267	1,281	1,564	1,490	1,610	1,628	1,642
Hale	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,239	2,395	2,764	2,567	2,799	2,845	2,463
Henry	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,323	2,464	3,029	3,011	2,937	2,995	2,894
Houston	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36,751	40,054	44,716	44,358	47,052	47,936	43,266
Jackson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,259	9,452	10,924	10,904	11,165	11,416	10,136
Jefferson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	294,581	309,919	359,976	355,033	360,566	363,924	337,034
Lamar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,691	2,901	3,797	3,123	3,415	3,457	2,954
Lauderdale	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24,658	25,350	29,357	29,968	29,763	30,119	28,465
Lawrence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,647	3,475	4,135	4,212	4,571	4,648	3,860
Lee	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24,946	24,851	28,199	28,104	28,865	29,231	27,516
Limestone	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,168	11,418	13,548	13,277	14,039	14,286	12,315
Lowndes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,271	1,207	1,326	1,371	1,449	1,453	1,289
Macon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,851	3,179	3,476	3,648	3,749	3,813	3,545
Madison	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74,333	77,026	85,484	85,354	87,602	88,705	84,246
Marengo	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,549	5,112	5,667	5,450	5,382	5,424	4,836
Marion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,858	7,014	8,208	7,468	7,901	8,098	7,315
Marshall	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22,754	23,968	27,928	28,065	29,263	29,655	27,710
Mobile	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	126,883	126,100	145,327	149,181	148,550	154,533	143,086
Monroe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,164	6,518	8,373	7,645	7,511	7,941	7,581
Montgomery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85,310	88,290	100,258	100,560	105,596	107,005	99,732
Morgan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30,390	31,377	36,641	37,593	38,303	38,963	34,885
Perry	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,631	1,870	2,145	2,027	2,143	2,160	2,018
Pickens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,964	2,925	3,487	3,624	3,633	3,678	3,385
Pike	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,438	6,699	7,661	7,321	7,486	7,425	6,728
Randolph	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,135	4,639	4,898	4,439	4,776	4,850	4,239
Russell	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,175	8,978	9,990	9,872	10,178	10,318	9,818
St. Clair	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,317	9,182	10,380	9,949	10,735	10,896	9,789
Shelby	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,846	17,886	21,005	20,768	22,558	22,680	20,490
Sumter	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,247	2,163	2,866	2,443	2,407	2,486	2,418
Talladega	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,279	17,171	19,165	20,265	22,582	21,108	19,492
Tallapoosa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,468	9,637	10,653	10,966	11,406	11,587	10,222
Tuscaloosa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47,055	45,686	51,856	50,647	52,004	53,199	49,082
Walker	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,390	20,429	22,847	23,954	25,375	25,512	23,770
Washington	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,575	1,619	1,717	1,825	1,929	1,957	1,226
Wilcox	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,935	2,092	2,417	2,248	3,045	3,094	2,889
Winston	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,972	5,188	6,009	6,159	6,408	6,405	5,408
Statewide[11]	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	84,042	63,295	74,479	79,771	75,312	77,066	67,546
BUILDING PERMITS[12]															
Alabama															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	712,696	1,079,085	93,959	120,559	96,165	86,676	162,881	76,349	65,449	75,497	99,328	193,079	97,366	115,116	99,776
Residential	237,082	449,881	39,580	47,066	34,835	43,819	42,063	27,533	24,927	38,376	39,447	46,811	38,102	43,568	36,909
Nonresidential	300,343	366,127	26,714	35,834	29,816	19,695	95,659	33,868	22,711	21,524	32,351	130,709	42,724	53,582	44,597
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	5,965	8,848	826	895	794	818	718	693	595	644	790	788	915	842	833
Residential	2,700	3,593	306	309	263	268	261	231	247	255	317	317	408	324	322
Nonresidential	442	932	92	124	106	109	101	81	75	93	126	113	117	139	104
Birmingham															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	109,048	213,343	7,729	14,059	30,767	9,844	83,104	6,605	5,689	4,413	8,945	7,619	5,562	8,258	8,169
Residential	13,918	31,921	1,378	1,317	2,529	4,275	904	885	1,100	1,574	2,100	2,551	814	1,299	763
Nonresidential	61,839	108,370	1,855	7,416	12,498	767	70,397	526	985	530	1,071	90	768	2,963	2,369
Decatur															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	8,551	14,095	1,167	1,367	1,424	1,278	1,004	789	912	1,111	1,075	1,106	1,520	1,342	1,909
Residential	2,937	7,340	741	918	995	862	663	267	673	845	739	739	1,096	925	1,080
Nonresidential	3,812	2,156	150	155	156	140	116	32	73	81	115	139	172	171	355
Dothan															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	28,821	18,943	1,388	1,340	700	3,402	2,191	2,952	1,075	1,064	1,568	1,353	1,326	1,514	901
Residential	5,626	7,760	350	366	316	2,412	805	351	444	631	685	695	448	759	182
Nonresidential	9,720	6,339	468	319	40	367	1,127	2,146	457	100	452	518	238	257	125
Gadsden															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	10,429	13,596	4,695	354	549	550	1,389	1,189	656	530	214	565	1,351	865	166
Residential	1,517	2,006	170	282	224	329	75	61	110	57	92	347	976	219	26
Nonresidential	3,271	3,912	161	2	271	201	1,283	1,104	24	452	102	163	122	493	101
Huntsville															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	58,302	122,759	12,423	17,391	8,823	20,834	9,742	6,919	6,115	16,817	12,836	8,111	13,997	13,853	14,007
Residential	18,311	51,350	9,556	7,145	2,171	10,578	1,598	1,939	2,203	7,732	4,874	4,843	3,753	6,032	3,331
Nonresidential	14,238	45,128	669	6,403	5,166	3,320	5,238	3,809	2,270	5,358	7,169	2,413	8,366	5,970	9,394
Mobile															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	83,675	109,508	14,352	13,411	5,161	6,093	8,760	10,475	3,718	5,366	17,080	116,254	6,250	36,928	6,707
Residential	19,544	38,261	1,132	1,810	1,127	990	1,586	7,313	984	1,470	1,424	2,639	2,009	6,935	3,208
Nonresidential	43,701	49,6[illegible]	11,007	10,337	1,465	2,188	5,173	2,058	1,419	2,488	4,160	112,221	3,331	28,665	2,127

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983						1984						
	1982	1983	July	Aug	Sept	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan	Feb	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	52,352	76,984	6,275	6,829	6,315	6,326	5,764	5,127	14,164	5,100	6,477	6,330	6,994	7,007	8,192
Residential	15,363	32,619	2,473	2,354	2,081	2,108	2,278	1,874	2,436	2,131	2,462	2,509	2,493	2,528	3,504
Nonresidential	22,178	28,264	2,205	2,762	2,652	2,596	2,170	1,856	9,934	1,882	2,727	2,496	3,043	3,059	3,719
Quad-Cities[13]															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	18,563	12,978	1,612	1,361	1,250	852	1,360	699	2,642	1,410	4,666	2,443	4,910	1,260	2,227
Residential	7,481	6,391	473	513	623	428	874	166	480	754	1,298	700	792	323	633
Nonresidential	5,722	3,506	737	705	380	337	123	100	207	585	3,031	1,079	3,887	614	1,265
Selma															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	2,757	4,197	336	103	901	67	98	356	1,826	213	219	1,019	356	158	994
Residential	987	357	....	20	....	....	65	20	....	....	24	87	82	117	148
Nonresidential	1,739	798	275	20	18	30	1	....	3	133	36	717	35	....	7
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	21,418	30,159	2,862	3,340	3,777	1,814	1,809	613	1,505	2,647	3,328	1,804	4,323	4,183	1,719
Residential	6,592	14,849	2,338	1,194	1,378	396	717	407	1,032	1,163	2,097	988	2,153	1,284	737
Nonresidential	8,408	6,227	187	1,221	711	527	599	3	132	929	573	277	1,529	1,901	615

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1976, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9] Excludes sales to federal government.

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[11] Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

[12] Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

[13] Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

Most Alabama Areas 'Labor Surplus'

With few exceptions, the counties and cities of Alabama have been designated as "labor surplus areas" by the U.S. Department of Labor. Because of the designation, which will be in effect for the entire fiscal year that began October 1, employers may obtain preference in obtaining federal contracts.

The designations are based upon an area's unemployment rate over a two-year period. The period used in making these designations spans January 1982 through December 1983. All areas having a jobless rate of at least 10 percent during that period were classified as labor surplus. These criteria may also be waived in cases where the Labor Department finds exceptional circumstances.

With the exception of Hawaii, all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico all had at least one area designated as labor surplus. All areas of Alabama except Lee, Madison, and Montgomery counties (although the city of Montgomery is included) received the designation.

Employers located in these areas are eligible for preference in federal contract bids if they agree to perform at least 51 percent of the contract work within such areas.

Retail Data Lost

Alabama retail trade data for June 1984 was inadvertently lost and cannot be recaptured. The June data in this issue has been estimated based upon May 1984 reports for the state and the percent change by category as reported in the Bureau of the Census's national retail trade series.

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Foreign Trade Through The Mobile Customs District

The Port of Mobile is the largest port in the Mobile Customs District. The district consists of ports in three states: Apalachicola, Carrabelle, Panama City, Pensacola, and Port St. Joe in Florida; Gulfport and Pascagoula in Mississippi; and Birmingham, Huntsville, and Mobile in Alabama.

The Bureau of the Census provides foreign trade data on computer tape each month to the Center for Business and Economic Research. CBER's reports cover import and export data by country and by commodity for each of the ports in the district and for the district as a whole. Although *Alabama Business* normally publishes only four figures from these reports (total value and shipping weight for imports, total value and shipping weight for exports for the Port of Mobile), considerable detail is available to inquirers.

The statistics record the physical movement of merchandise from the United States to foreign countries, whether a commercial transaction is involved or not. They exclude shipments made by the federal government, monetary gold and issued coins merchandise in transit between countries, fuel for use on departing vessels, and electrical energy. They do include, however, foreign aid commodities, military sales commodities, and agricultural assistance commodities.

The import and export data available to this Center include waterborne commerce only. Airborn commerce is not included.

Imports and exports through the Port of Mobile, or any other Alabama port, are not indicative of international commerce done by Alabama firms. Merchants from many states use the Port of Mobile as the exit port for their goods. These data also do not indicate how many Alabama firms are doing international business. There is no indication of firm name associated with these data, so one cannot tell which businesses are importers or exporters of goods.

Since at least 1975 crude petroleum had been the leading commodity imported through the Port of Mobile. For a number of years Saudi Arabia, and later Venezuela, was the principal country shipping the crude to Mobile. In 1983, however, crude petroleum fell to second place as Mobile's leading import, supplanted by nitrogenous compounds shipped primarily by the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland. Other top imports through the Port of Mobile in 1983 were iron ore and concentrates from Canada, wood pulp, and bituminous coal, both from the Republic of South Africa.

Soybeans have been the number one export through the Port of Mobile for many years. Japan was the principal recipient of the soybeans until 1982, when Spain received the greatest shipment, and 1983 when Romania topped the soybean export list. Coal and wood pulp have vied for second spot among exports through the Port for several years. For the last two years, low volatile bituminous coal shipped to Japan has held second place among exports. In addition to soybeans, other agricultural products such as unmilled corn, milled rice, raw cotton, and leguminous vegetables have historically been among the top ten export products handled by the Port of Mobile, but in 1983 all except soybeans fell out of the top ten list to be replaced by durable goods such as cast iron soil pipe and iron or steel angles and shapes.

The Port of Pascagoula ranked above the Port of Mobile in total value and total weight of imports for 1983. However, 97.3 percent of those imports was crude petroleum and the lion's share, over $1 billion worth or 53.6 percent of Pascagoula's total imports, was crude petroleum imported from Saudi Arabia. Other countries sending crude petroleum through the Port of Pascagoula are in descending order: Nigeria, Indonesia, Mexico, the United Kingdom, and Angola.

The Port of Mobile accounts for more than half the export traffic of the Customs District. In value 56.4 percent of the District's 1983 volume and 69.8 percent in weight are attributable to Mobile. In dollar value of exports the District's coastal ports ranked in 1983 as follows: Mobile, Pascagoula, Gulfport, Pensacola, Panama City, and Port St. Joe.

The second-ranked Port of Pascagoula handles a variety of exports, ranging from soybeans to floating dock structures and parts. Gulfport ranks third with 11 percent of the District's 1983 export activities, and handles a good bit of exporting of mechanical equipment and other durable goods to Honduras, Costa Rica, and other Central American countries. Pensacola's port handles nearly 9 percent of the District's export activity. Most commodities that left Pensacola went to African countries. Wheat flour, not donated, was the major commodity, followed by other agricultural products that were donated for relief. Products leaving Panama City's port went primarily to Central America or Africa; however, bleached hardwood wood pulp destined for European countries and the Orient was the single most valuable commodity exported from Panama City during 1983. Only two commodities were shipped from Port St. Joe during 1983—tall oil to West Germany, and magnesite to the U.S.S.R.

Exports through the Mobile Customs District have declined every year since 1980, and in 1983 declined by nearly one-third. This was true whether measured by value or by weight of commodities shipped.

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Quality of Life in Alabama's Black Belt

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Along the upper rim of the coastal plain of Alabama lies a broad valley known as the Black Belt, so called not because of its significantly large black population but because of its geologic composition of rich soil. The Black Belt is an undulating, deeply weathered plain developed mainly on chalk and marl which in the geologic time frame are of cretaceous age. The Black Belt embodies parts of thirteen counties: Barbour, Bullock, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Montgomery, Perry, Russell, Sumter, and Wilcox. Because the Black Belt represents a physiographic rather than simply a racial concept, it may encompass counties that appear as anomalies in a socioeconomic sense. Montgomery County represents such an anomaly, and as a result, Montgomery County is not included in this discussion of the Black Belt.

The purpose of this article is to focus on the quality of life in the Black Belt. Quality of life represents a somewhat theoretical concept and is difficult to measure directly. Economic and demographic factors including population, government and politics, income and employment, education, vital statistics, housing, and health care represent determinants of the quality of life. These factors are used frequently by other states in defining quality of life. This article examines these factors in an effort to establish the quality of life in the Black Belt when compared to Alabama at large and the United States.

Population

Population involves several elements including general population growth, changes in nonwhite population, and modifications in elderly population.

With respect to general population growth, all Black Belt counties decreased in population from 1960 to 1970. The reductions were quite significant, ranging from 7.0 percent in Macon County to 21.7 percent in Greene County. Dallas and Russell counties experienced the smallest population decreases of 2.4 percent and 2.1 percent respectively. Overall, the Black Belt counties experienced losses of approximately 12.0 percent during 1960 to 1970, while the state of Alabama sustained a 5.4 percent increase in population during the 1960s. While the Black Belt counties did not experience as much of a population loss from 1970 to 1980, reductions did continue. Bullock, Dallas, Hale, Perry, Sumter, and Wilcox counties continued to lose population but to a significantly lesser degree than during 1960 to 1970. For the remainder of the Black Belt counties, population increased as it did for the state as a whole but at a lesser rate. Alabama's population increased 13 percent from 1970 to 1980. With respect to the individual Black Belt counties, Barbour County experienced the greatest change in population, decreasing 8.7 percent in the 1960s and then increasing 9.8 percent in the 1970s. Greene County decreased in population during the 1960s by 21.7 percent but increased 3.5 percent during the 1970s. Lowndes County's population decreased 16.3 percent in the 1960s but increased 2.8 percent in the 1970s. From 1960 to 1970 the populations of Macon, Marengo, and Russell counties decreased 7.0 percent, 12.1 percent, and 2.1 percent respectively, and from 1970 to 1980 increased 8.0 percent, 5.2 percent, and 4.3 percent respectively.

It is important to note that the population of Greene County decreased by 2,950 from 1960 to 1970 and increased by only 371 from 1970 to 1980; the population of Lowndes County similarly decreased by 2,520 from 1960 to 1970 and increased by only 356 from 1970 to 1980. Although the increases in populations for the two counties during the 1970s are meager in light of the substantial losses of the previous decade, they mark the first increases in either county for any census year since at least 1930.

The nonwhite population for all Black Belt counties remained 45 percent and above during the thirty years 1950 through 1980. Bullock, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Perry, Sumter, and Wilcox counties have remained above 60 percent in nonwhite population. Russell County alone changed from the norm with a nonwhite population in 1980 of 39.7 percent. The Black Belt counties accounted for 7.1 percent of Alabama's total population in 1980 and 15.8 percent of the state's black population. The nonwhite population for Alabama in 1980 was 26.2 percent, significantly less than the proportion of the population in the Black Belt counties.

The proportion of the population age 65 and older continued to increase in all Black Belt counties during 1950 to 1980 as it did for Alabama as a whole. In 1950 the elderly population of the Black Belt counties equalled between 6 and 10 percent. For the state it was 6.5 percent. By 1980 the elderly population steadily increased to between 11 and 16 percent in the Black Belt. This compares to 11.3 percent statewide. It is interesting that while the elderly population of Lowndes County increased from 8.7 percent in 1950 to 11.6 percent in 1980, the county remained without any nursing home beds. Growth in the elderly population creates the potential for expanded economic growth through the development of social service enterprises for the elderly.

The age of a population represents an indicator of the work force potential within an area. The limited increase in the Black Belt population in general, coupled with a relatively large increase in the elderly population, creates a less than positive environment for work force growth.

Education

Education represents an important determinant of the quality of life. As a whole, the Black Belt counties experienced improved educational attainment during the period 1960 to 1980. Even with the improvement, the 1980 median school years completed by persons 25 and older among the Black Belt counties overall remained below the median for Alabama of 12.2 years as well as the United States median of 12.5 years. For the majority of the Black Belt counties, the 1980 median school years completed ranged from 10.1 to 11.7 years. Only Dallas and Macon Counties sustained a median approaching that of the state.

The proportion of high school graduates age 25 and over in the Black Belt also increased from between 25 to 35 percent in 1970 to between 40 and 48 percent in 1980. Dallas County, where the percent of high school graduates increased from 41.4 percent in 1970 to 53.6 percent in 1980, and Macon County, where high school graduates were 39.0 percent of the 25-plus population in 1970 and 54.3 percent in 1980, provided exceptions from the norm. The proportion of high school graduates in Alabama in 1980 equalled 56.5 percent, compared to 72.1 percent for the U.S. Increases in median school years completed and percent high school graduates are related to the passage of compulsory school education legislation.

Expenditures per pupil also increased within the Black Belt counties during the period 1970 through 1980. In fact, expenditures per pupil in Bullock, Barbour, Greene, Perry, and Wilcox counties (approximately $1,800) were larger than for the state as a whole ($1,400). This anomaly may be explained by the very high percentage of low-income residents in these counties, which resulted in increases in federal outlays for education.

While the improvements in education may not be substantial, they are positive. Increases in educational attainment have a potential for expanding political and economic participation, thereby enhancing economic and social development.

Housing

Elements used as determinants of housing quality include the percent of houses built before 1940, the percent of houses on public sewer, the percent of homes with central air conditioning, the percent of housing with complete plumbing facilities, home ownership, and the median value of owner-occupied housing units.

In 1970 between 33 and 50 percent of the houses in the Black Belt were constructed before 1940. By 1980 the proportion had decreased substantially. Macon County had the lowest incidence with 14.4 percent of its housing units built before 1940, while Bullock County had the largest incidence with 28.6 percent of its houses built before 1940. In Alabama the incidence of houses built before 1940 changed from 33 percent in 1950 to 16.2 percent in 1980, compared to 26.1 percent for the U.S. in 1980.

The proportion of houses in the Black Belt overall on public sewer totalled between 21 and 37 percent in 1970, compared to 28 to 51 percent in 1980. Dallas and Russell counties had the largest proportions of houses on public sewer. In 1970 Dallas County had 55 percent of its houses on public sewer; Russell County had 57 percent. The 1980 figure for Dallas County was 56.4 percent; Russell County, 60.8 percent. Lowndes and Wilcox counties had the smallest proportions of houses on public sewer; 6.0 percent in Lowndes and 11.0 percent in Wilcox in 1970 and 16.4 percent in Lowndes and 22.9 percent in Wilcox in 1980. The incidence of housing units on public sewer in Alabama moved from 51.0 percent in 1970 to 52.6 percent in 1980, compared to 74.4 percent for the U.S. in 1980. Because many newer housing subdivisions are without access to public sewer, this may not be an entirely appropriate determinant of housing quality.

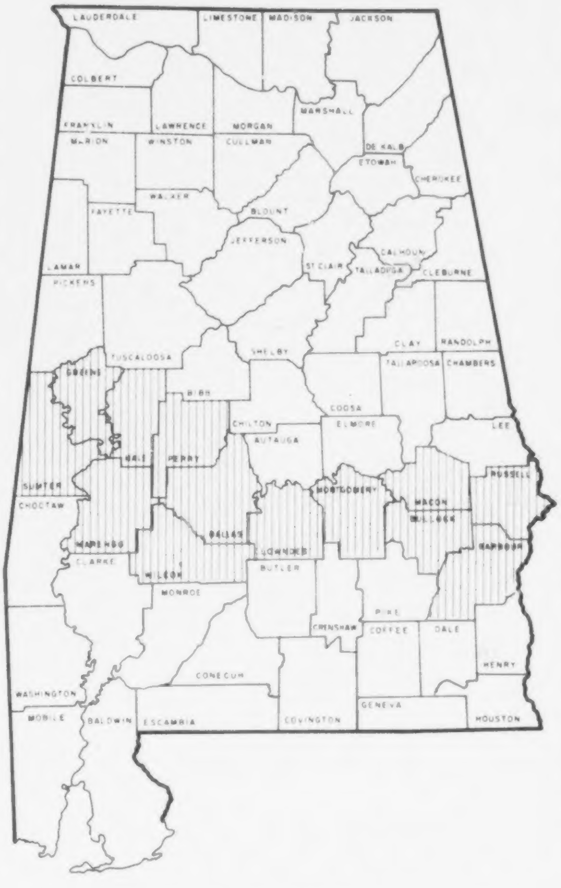
In 1970 the U.S. Bureau of the Census reported that the incidence of substandard housing in the Black Belt region ranged from 39 percent in Russell County to 66 percent in Lowndes County. In 1970 Alabama reported 29 percent of its housing as substandard. Because the percent of substandard housing was not reported in the 1980 census, a 1970 to 1980 comparison cannot be determined.

In 1980 the percent of houses in the Black Belt lacking complete plumbing ranged from 7.5 percent in Russell County to 28.4 percent in Wilcox County. In general the number of houses in the Black Belt without complete plumbing ranged from 11.5 percent to 25.0 percent in 1980. In Alabama the number of houses lacking complete plumbing totalled 4.2 percent in 1980, compared to 2.2 percent for the U.S.

In 1980 the number of houses in the Black Belt with central air conditioning ranged between 14.2 and 30.5 percent. This is well below the statewide average for central air of 36.6 percent.

Within the Black Belt a large percentage of housing has been owner occupied, ranging between approximately 55 percent in 1970 to 70 percent in 1980. In Alabama the incidence of owner-occupied housing increased from 67 percent in 1970 to 70 percent in 1980, which compares to 64 percent for the U.S. in 1980. While the home-ownership rates for the Black Belt and the state are above the national average, it should be realized that the median value of homes in the Black Belt is much lower than for Alabama or the U.S. In 1980 the median value of homes in the Black Belt ranged from $19,500 in Wilcox and Lowndes counties to $28,800 in Dallas County, $27,100 in Macon County, and $25,400 in Russell County. In Alabama and the U.S. the median value of homes equalled $33,900 and $47,200 respectively. Because the median value of homes in the Black Belt is so low, the value that may be placed on the relatively high percent of owner-occupied housing is uncertain.

Alabama's Black Belt Counties*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DALE
HENRY
CONECUH
WASHINGTON
GENEVA
MOBILE
BALDWIN
ESCAMBIA
COVINGTON
HOUSTON

*NOTE: Montgomery County excluded from discussion.

Measures of housing quality including the percent built before 1940, the percent lacking complete plumbing, the percent substandard, and the median value reveal that the relative value of Black Belt homes may be low indeed. Home ownership per se may not be truly indicative of the quality of housing in the Black Belt.

Vital Statistics

Another factor for determining the quality of life involves the vital statistics of the citizenry. During the period 1950 through 1980, the birthrate in the Black Belt decreased as it did for the state as a whole. Although the birthrate in 1980 remained high, ranging from 15.5 percent in Macon County to 24.0 percent in Wilcox County, the rate did decrease substantially throughout the thirty-year period. Still, in all Black Belt counties except Macon, Perry, and Russell, the birthrate in 1980 was larger than the Alabama and U.S. birthrates of 15.6 percent and 15.9 percent respectively.

Death rates for the Black Belt counties did not change significantly during the period 1950 through 1980. The rates remained somewhat constant between 9 and 14 percent in every Black Belt county, compared to 9.0 percent for Alabama and 8.8 percent for the U.S. in 1980.

The infant death rate declined substantially throughout the Black Belt during the period 1950 to 1980. The infant death rate in 1950 for Black Belt counties ranged from 28.6 percent in Perry to 60.6 percent in Lowndes and in general was approximately 50 percent. By 1980 infant deaths in the Black Belt had fallen to between 12 and 30 percent. Bullock County recorded the largest 1980 infant death rate at 30.6 percent--half the county's 1960 rate of 59.9 percent. The infant death rate for Alabama decreased from 36.4 percent in 1950 to 12.9 percent in 1980, compared to the 1980 U.S. rate of 12.6 percent.

The significant decrease in the infant death rate in 1980 throughout the Black Belt belies the relatively small numbers of hospital beds and physicians in the region. An appropriate explanation may be the increase in the availability of neonatal intensive care units in regional medical centers, coupled with increased perinatal education programs.

Health Care

In general the health care capacities of the Black Belt appear less than positive. During the period 1970 through 1980, no substantial changes in the number of hospital beds per 1,000 population appeared evident. The number of hospital beds per 1,000 persons ranged from zero in Lowndes County to 6.3 in Dallas County and 6.2 in Sumter County. In the Black Belt in general the number of hospital beds per 1,000 population ranged from 1.8 to 2.6. In Marengo County, the number increased from 2.9 in 1970 to 4.0 in 1980, and in Macon County the number decreased from 6.8 in 1970 to 1.9 in 1980. In Russell County, the number remained at 5.0 per 1,000 population from 1970 to 1980.

The number of nursing home beds per 1,000 population increased in most of the Black Belt counties during the period 1970 through 1980 except for Lowndes County. In spite of the increase in elderly population during the 1970s, Lowndes County reported no nursing home beds in 1980. While probably not proportionate to the increase in elderly population, the number of nursing home beds per 1,000 population does appear to be increasing in the Black Belt. However limited, there does appear to be a recognition of the need for expanding health care facilities for the elderly.

The number of doctors per 100,000 population among the Black Belt counties is substantially below the statewide average. In 1980 the number of physicians was lowest in Lowndes County with 15 per 100,000 population, reflecting its lack of hospital and nursing home beds. In 1980 the Black Belt counties in general sustained between 26 and 71 physicians per 100,000 population. Only Macon County with 112 and Dallas County with 111 approached the statewide rate of 119 physicians per 100,000.

Politics and Government

Citizen participation in government and politics represents another determinant of the quality of life. Within the Black Belt counties the percentage of the voting age population who voted in the 1980 presidential general election approached and in most instances excelled Alabama's 52 percent. Russell and Macon counties had the lowest incidences of adults voting in the 1980 presidential general election, 43.5 percent and 19.7 percent respectively. The highest percentages of adults voting in the 1980 general election were in Bullock and Wilcox counties with 85.7 percent and 84.5 percent respectively.

Income and Employment

A final determinant of the quality of life involves income and employment. Two definitions of income are widely accepted. The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Commerce Department defines income as total personal income, while the Census Bureau defines income as money income only. With respect to both definitions, the Black Belt counties rank low in per capita income when compared to other Alabama counties as well as the state and nation. While analysis performed by the Census Bureau portrayed the per capita income for the Black Belt counties as significantly increasing from 1979 to 1981, the income of the citizens of the Black Belt remains quite low. The Census Bureau reported that the average per captia money income in 1979 ranged between $3,318 and $4,832 and increased in 1981 to between $3,760 and $5,832. The bureau reported an increase in Alabama's per capita income from $5,892 in 1979 to $6,982 in 1981. This compares to a per capita income of $7,298 for the U.S. in 1980.

In 1979 the median family income of Black Belt residents ranged between $9,766 and $13,821, compared to $16,353 for Alabama and $19,917 for the U S. In 1979 the percentage of Black Belt families with an income below the poverty level ranged from 24.5 percent in Barbour County to 36.7 percent in Lowndes County, compared to 14.8 percent for Alabama and 9.6 percent for the U.S. While the percent below the poverty level has remained high, a steady reduction did occur during the thirty-year period 1950 through 1980.

In 1982 the Black Belt counties experienced high unemployment, ranging from 14.7 percent in Macon County to 22.6 percent in Wilcox County. In general the range was 16 to 20 percent. The 1982 unemployment rate for Alabama was 14.4 percent. With the exceptions of Dallas and Wilcox counties, which experienced increased unemployment, and Marengo County, which saw no change, the Black Belt's unemployment situation improved in 1983. Unemployment rates for 1983 in the Black Belt ranged from 13.1 percent in Barbour County to 20.3 percent in Wilcox County. For the most part unemployment among the Black Belt counties was 14 to 17 percent. Alabama's 1983 unemployment rate improved to 13.5 percent.

The percentage of employed persons working outside their county of residence provides still another indicator of economic growth and stability. Throughout the Black Belt counties the percent who worked outside their county of residence increased from 1960 to 1980. In fact, in Lowndes County the number increased from 19.0 percent in 1960 to 46.7 percent in 1980. In Hale County the number increased from 11.8 percent in 1960 to 37.8 percent in 1980. In Russell County the number remained approximately 59 percent from 1960 to 1980. The very high incidence of citizens who work outside their county of residence is indicative of limited industrial development and weak local economies in the Black Belt.

Conclusions

In summary, while the South has progressed in industrial development and increased economic and social prosperity, many rural areas including the Alabama Black Belt continue to experience poverty, outmigration, and depressed social and economic conditions. Often we, the public, are insensitive and inattentive to the unfavorable and controversial events which necessitate change. The adversities of the Black Belt counties are not exempted from this dictum. Because of a most unfortunate socioeconomic environment, the issues involved in a review of the Black Belt frequently produce limited attention, thereby resulting in even less reflective examination and action. While this article presents facts, the degree of analysis is limited. It is hoped that this article will foster further research into the determinants and consequences of the impoverished social and economic conditions of the Alabama Black Belt. The future of the quality of life in the Black Belt depends to a large extent on the value of the analysis produced and the sincerity with which the results are applied.

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1983					1984							
	1982	1983	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
INDUSTRIAL															
SZ55 Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	25,869	23,071	2,004	1,937	2,150	2,044	1,849	2,181	2,434	2,518	2,211	2,327	2,377	2,056	2,590
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	133,892	126,576	10,541	9,028	10,409	10,453	9,407	10,962	11,264	10,750	11,386	11,920	9,984	10,667	11,898
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	320,808	360,820	33,557	31,394	30,597	29,370	28,336	28,600	31,542	29,964	27,531	30,038	26,733	23,408	29,670
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	20,011	18,708	1,592	1,435	1,522	1,569	1,499	1,624	1,578	1,590	1,533	1,673	1,583	1,752	1,680
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	21,431	21,020	1,963	1,892	1,818	1,799	1,698	1,827	1,958	1,919	1,983	2,005	2,104	2,039	2,146
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	5,419	6,166	505	511	559	510	479	532	526	580	571	525	561	534	559
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,011,200	2,760,300	225,200	235,100	272,000	290,900	211,000	228,400	159,700	244,600	174,300	571,700	231,400	210,600	383,400
Residential	847,200	1,288,900	104,600	155,300	136,900	96,700	96,000	98,300	82,200	125,100	104,500	117,500	114,100	105,900	163,200
Nonresidential	660,000	1,020,000	75,300	45,500	107,800	162,600	82,800	112,300	36,300	66,600	47,500	92,500	71,300	60,700	137,900
Public works and utilities	504,000	451,300	45,300	34,300	27,300	31,500	32,200	17,700	41,300	52,900	22,300	361,300	46,400	43,900	84,200
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	928	1,086	116	101	108	92	67	68	87	108	100	112	117	102	110
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	4,598	5,263	5,123	5,158	5,191	5,204	5,263	5,289	5,323	5,389	5,387	5,416	5,492	5,544	5,606
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,112,332	2,288,165	191,429	219,553	186,326	221,579	154,139	205,929	202,747	264,652	234,338	246,438	198,192	195,871	215,569
Franchise	52,016	52,214	2,253	7,300	4,430	1,980	507	302	1,153	28,642	5,879	1,275	2,504	8,422	2,315
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	197,894	199,587	17,182	17,874	16,536	16,469	16,044	18,417	16,305	15,305	17,523	17,585	17,564	17,504	17,752
Income	765,160	815,838	81,341	81,667	38,160	83,559	53,073	49,125	95,328	130,393	82,889	130,465	81,367	42,840	90,776
Motor fuels	41,505	45,027	4,195	3,383	4,189	5,673	3,906	3,415	4,409	3,448	3,899	4,703	3,735	3,580	5,287
Oil/gas privilege	36,891	89,645	5,298	5,168	5,106	34,115	4,424	5,742	5,924	5,475	5,164	5,571	5,438	5,605	9,662
Oil/gas production	18,510	17,290	1,319	1,331	1,314	1,339	1,146	1,465	1,565	1,442	1,384	1,480	1,437	1,478	1,322
Sales	562,208	609,132	52,961	51,526	51,888	53,500	49,930	67,569	49,655	50,142	55,808	56,985	58,145	57,514	56,957
2.2% Gross receipts	44,104	46,185	61	3,548	10,134	63	6	13,504	152	9	13,448	210	1	13,723	....
TVA electric	35,999	31,290	2,831	2,911	2,867	....	2,867	5,734	......	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867
Tobacco	70,885	68,915	5,426	5,906	6,030	5,454	6,081	5,485	4,985	5,418	5,734	6,072	6,211	5,980	6,516
Use	67,876	66,519	1,097	643	15,021	1,389	459	15,067	1,975	1,045	15,351	2,019	604	16,868	1,310
Utility	134,597	152,287	11,747	12,838	22,053	11,324	11,079	14,760	15,900	13,171	11,714	9,654	11,225	12,587	14,277
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	288.8	298.4	300.3	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5	305.2	306.6	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7	313.0
Food	285.7	291.7	292.2	292.6	292.9	292.5	293.9	299.4	302.1	302.2	302.3	301.4	302.0	303.2	304.8
Housing	314.7	323.1	324.8	326.4	326.8	327.0	327.4	329.2	331.0	331.5	333.2	334.6	336.2	338.1	339.5
Fuel and utilities	350.8	370.3	375.1	376.4	374.4	371.3	370.6	376.0	383.0	380.1	380.9	385.5	390.0	393.9	395.5
Apparel and upkeep	191.8	196.5	197.3	200.4	200.7	200.7	199.3	196.4	196.2	198.8	199.2	198.9	197.4	196.6	200.1
Transportation	291.5	298.4	302.4	303.7	305.0	306.3	306.3	306.0	305.8	306.9	309.6	312.2	313.1	312.9	312.9
Medical care	328.7	357.3	360.0	361.2	362.9	364.9	366.2	369.5	373.2	374.5	375.7	376.8	378.0	380.3	381.9
Energy	416.0	419.3	429.8	429.3	425.1	419.9	418.0	416.7	420.2	418.1	421.3	426.1	428.5	428.3	427.3
Producer Price Index, U.S.[6] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	299.3	303.1	304.7	305.3	306.0	305.5	306.1	308.0	308.9	311.0	311.3	311.5	311.3	311.9	310.9
Industrial commodities	312.3	315.7	317.3	317.1	318.5	318.3	318.4	319.1	320.6	321.9	322.6	323.2	323.8	323.9	323.5
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers *(1977 = 100)*	115.8	121.5	126.0	123.0	122.0	129.0	133.0	140.0	138.0	138.0	138.0	134.0	127.0	129.0	121.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.346	.335	.333	.331	.330	.330	.329	.328	.326	.325	.324	.323	.322	.321	.319
Wholesale prices	.334	.330	.328	.328	.327	.327	.327	.325	.324	.322	.321	.321	.321	.321	.322
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[7]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,713.0	1,744.8	1,746.2	1,745.3	1,774.6	1,774.9	1,732.8	1,754.8	1,759.6	1,765.8	1,777.0	1,777.0	1,794.7	1,797.2	1,786.7
Unemployment	247.0	235.1	214.3	214.5	220.7	223.1	197.0	238.4	227.9	218.0	197.1	185.5	195.1	212.7	196.8
Unemployment rate	14.4	13.5	12.3	12.3	12.4	12.6	11.4	13.6	13.0	12.3	11.1	10.4	10.9	11.8	11.0
Employment	1,466.0	1,509.7	1,531.9	1,530.8	1,553.9	1,551.8	1,535.8	1,516.4	1,531.7	1,547.8	1,579.9	1,591.5	1,599.6	1,584.5	1,589.9
Nonagricultural	1,312.5	1,318.4	1,323.7	1,326.5	1,334.8	1,336.6	1,338.8	1,324.4	1,330.2	1,333.0	1,345.7	1,348.8	1,359.5	1,348.4	1,352.8
Manufacturing	337.8	338.2	344.8	345.5	346.0	346.3	345.6	344.6	345.2	346.6	351.1	351.8	353.7	345.5	351.1
Durable goods	159.1	157.6	160.9	161.1	161.9	162.6	162.2	161.9	162.9	165.4	167.0	167.5	168.4	167.1	168.0
Lumber and wood products	25.1	27.6	28.6	28.7	28.6	28.4	28.3	27.8	28.2	28.8	28.9	29.0	29.0	29.2	29.4
Stone, clay, glass products	8.6	8.7	9.0	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.8	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.0	9.1
Primary metals	29.6	24.8	24.9	24.5	24.6	24.6	24.8	25.2	25.2	26.2	26.2	26.4	26.2	25.8	26.1
Blast furn. and steel works	8.8	5.7	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.5	6.1	6.6	7.1	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.6
Iron and steel foundries	11.4	10.5	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.5	9.9	10.0	9.6	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.0	9.8	10.0
Fabricated metals	22.8	21.7	21.9	22.0	22.2	22.4	22.4	22.0	22.2	22.2	22.4	22.4	22.4	22.5	22.7
Machinery (excl. electrical)	....	14.8	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.6	15.9	15.9	16.1	16.4	16.3	16.2
Electrical, electronic equip.	....	21.8	21.9	22.0	22.0	22.3	22.3	22.5	22.9	22.9	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.3	23.3
Transportation	22.6	21.5	21.8	22.0	22.6	22.7	22.4	22.5	22.6	22.9	23.3	23.4	23.9	23.9	24.1
Other durable goods	16.0	17.2	17.7	17.8	17.9	18.2	18.1	17.9	17.5	17.7	18.0	17.9	18.0	17.1	17.1
Nondurable goods	178.8	180.6	183.9	184.4	184.1	183.7	183.4	182.7	182.3	181.2	184.1	184.3	185.3	178.4	183.1
Food	26.5	26.9	27.4	27.4	27.5	27.2	27.1	26.9	26.5	26.5	26.7	26.8	27.3	27.3	27.4
Textile mill products	38.8	39.1	39.6	40.2	40.3	40.3	40.4	40.4	40.3	40.4	40.4	40.2	39.8	38.0	39.3
Apparel	53.0	54.3	55.4	56.0	55.5	55.4	55.1	54.4	54.7	53.6	55.7	56.2	56.2	50.9	54.3
Paper and allied products	21.0	21.4	22.1	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.3	21.1	20.8	21.2	21.0	21.5	21.6	21.4
Printing and publishing	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.8	10.7	10.7	10.6	10.7
Chemicals and allied products	13.1	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0	11.9
Rubber products	13.8	14.6	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.7	15.9	15.9
Other nondurable goods	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2
Nonmanufacturing	974.7	980.1	978.9	981.0	988.8	990.3	993.2	979.8	985.0	986.4	994.6	997.0	1,005.8	1,002.9	1,001.7
Mining and quarrying	16.2	13.6	13.6	12.9	13.3	13.6	13.5	13.1	13.8	13.7	13.9	14.0	14.2	14.2	14.3
Bituminous coal mining	12.1	10.3	10.4	9.7	10.1	10.4	9.5	9.1	9.8	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0
Contract construction	56.8	59.4	62.6	62.7	62.6	63.0	62.4	60.1	60.7	60.4	62.6	63.3	66.1	66.7	66.6
Trans., comm., and utilities	71.1	69.7	64.6	70.7	71.3	70.9	71.1	70.6	71.3	71.6	71.4	71.9	72.7	72.0	72.5
Trade	267.4	271.0	273.0	273.7	275.5	278.0	282.1	273.9	272.9	274.1	277.5	278.8	280.9	281.8	284.9
Wholesale	70.0	69.7	70.3	70.4	70.6	70.8	70.7	70.8	71.2	71.3	71.6	71.7	71.6	72.1	72.1
Retail	197.4	201.3	202.7	203.3	204.9	207.2	211.4	203.1	201.7	202.8	205.9	207.1	209.3	209.7	212.8
Finance, insurance, real estate	58.8	59.4	60.2	59.8	59.6	59.6	59.6	59.8	60.0	60.3	60.6	61.1	61.7	62.2	62.1
Service and miscellaneous	214.4	217.8	219.8	219.7	219.6	218.6	218.3	216.3	218.3	219.2	220.4	220.0	219.3	218.3	218.5
Government	290.1	289.2	285.1	281.5	286.9	286.6	286.2	286.0	288.0	287.1	288.2	287.9	290.9	287.5	282.8
Federal	65.1	64.6	65.4	64.9	64.3	64.1	64.0	63.9	63.7	63.6	63.9	64.2	64.6	64.8	65.1
State and local	224.9	224.6	219.7	216.6	222.6	222.5	222.2	222.1	224.3	223.5	224.3	223.7	226.3	222.7	217.7

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983					1984							
	1982	1983	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	176,752	207,309	19,505	17,884	14,485	14,784	11,998	17,938	16,014	16,084	14,672	17,512	18,528	20,564	20,649
Nonagricultural placements	66,900	91,100	10,484	7,499	7,117	6,071	5,114	5,741	5,509	6,477	7,082	7,314	9,582	14,871	14,203
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	632,290	428,181	29,803	24,506	27,873	28,728	35,738	75,004	29,677	28,150	24,214	25,009	23,457	50,560	37,376
Payments *($1,000)*	233,984	191,868	15,186	13,556	11,656	12,540	13,999	18,452	15,901	15,566	11,949	13,048	12,192	13,536	15,564
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,080	15,780	15,590	15,610	15,710	15,680	15,460	15,530	15,420	15,460	15,600	15,560	15,670	15,570	15,590
	15.0	14.1	11.5	11.8	11.6	11.7	10.8	12.7	11.3	10.5	9.7	8.9	8.8	9.1	8.6
Baldwin	33,390	33,830	34,040	33,640	33,970	33,950	33,760	34,310	34,670	34,600	34,300	33,850	34,510	35,050	34,450
	12.1	12.3	11.3	11.3	11.0	11.3	11.8	14.0	13.7	12.6	10.3	8.8	9.0	10.5	9.4
Barbour	11,510	11,980	12,130	12,040	12,090	11,800	11,520	11,610	11,660	11,580	11,920	12,030	12,040	12,010	11,990
	16.2	13.1	12.8	11.1	10.9	10.9	10.8	13.0	12.2	10.2	9.6	9.1	9.6	10.8	10.1
Bibb	5,670	5,940	5,620	5,820	5,770	5,770	5,690	6,040	5,790	5,990	5,920	5,950	6,000	5,950	5,940
	22.8	19.6	16.2	17.9	15.0	15.4	18.0	25.3	20.0	19.6	19.1	16.8	15.1	15.6	18.2
Blount	14,050	13,520	13,440	13,510	13,730	13,130	12,890	12,870	13,020	13,200	13,290	13,360	13,370	13,390	13,440
	19.9	18.1	16.0	15.2	14.2	14.7	14.0	17.1	16.8	21.0	13.6	11.6	11.7	13.0	11.5
Bullock	4,480	4,530	4,720	4,770	4,820	4,660	4,410	4,230	4,250	4,250	4,390	4,510	4,590	4,600	4,880
	18.3	17.2	18.4	15.0	14.3	14.9	15.2	16.1	14.1	13.3	11.6	11.0	14.5	17.5	20.9
Butler	9,960	9,900	9,900	9,910	10,250	9,940	9,720	9,900	9,770	9,810	9,830	9,900	9,960	10,020	9,960
	20.3	17.3	15.9	14.0	15.2	13.3	12.0	16.7	15.5	15.1	13.2	12.6	13.9	15.2	14.7
Calhoun	45,620	46,560	46,910	46,350	46,850	46,310	46,520	47,170	47,220	47,470	47,820	47,820	48,380	49,370	49,050
	15.1	13.1	12.0	10.9	11.5	10.8	11.3	12.9	12.2	11.7	10.0	9.5	9.9	13.2	11.4
Chambers	16,280	16,920	17,230	16,790	17,070	16,880	16,760	16,760	16,850	16,950	17,050	17,160	17,220	17,280	16,960
	11.3	9.8	9.7	7.8	8.7	8.3	7.8	8.8	9.3	8.8	8.9	9.9	10.1	11.1	9.3
Cherokee	11,390	11,400	10,910	11,600	11,770	11,430	10,860	11,090	11,110	11,120	11,680	11,640	11,040	11,590	12,080
	14.8	15.4	17.4	9.7	13.4	10.2	11.1	14.5	17.4	20.8	11.3	11.2	18.8	18.5	8.9
Chilton	13,450	15,420	15,650	15,580	15,820	15,640	15,360	15,490	15,540	15,650	15,710	15,880	16,060	15,930	15,940
	15.6	13.3	11.5	10.9	10.3	10.7	10.5	12.7	11.7	11.7	11.1	10.4	10.7	11.6	11.6
Choctaw	5,280	5,560	5,570	5,430	5,510	5,440	5,500	5,610	5,650	5,660	5,650	5,670	5,530	5,790	5,630
	15.3	15.2	14.7	12.9	12.6	11.4	12.8	15.2	16.1	15.9	13.8	14.7	13.8	18.4	14.6
Clarke	10,450	10,810	10,800	10,580	10,620	10,580	10,560	10,870	10,680	10,780	10,640	10,650	10,720	10,970	10,700
	15.9	16.2	14.6	13.4	13.2	13.6	13.8	15.9	14.9	13.8	12.7	12.7	12.8	15.2	13.3
Clay	7,400	7,520	7,470	7,590	7,690	7,670	7,510	7,650	7,670	7,840	7,950	7,930	7,890	7,860	7,950
	13.5	13.8	12.9	11.8	11.3	11.3	10.7	12.3	11.8	10.8	9.8	10.3	10.7	11.2	11.3
Cleburne	5,080	5,210	5,050	5,290	5,280	5,190	5,160	5,090	5,100	5,130	5,150	5,120	5,280	5,500	5,190
	14.5	12.5	9.6	10.0	9.6	9.7	9.7	11.2	10.9	10.8	8.7	8.4	9.9	14.0	9.8
Coffee	19,410	20,040	20,320	20,440	20,340	20,020	19,700	19,430	20,030	20,030	20,120	20,240	20,160	20,180	20,050
	11.8	10.8	9.8	8.8	8.5	8.9	9.6	10.2	10.5	9.8	8.1	8.2	8.2	9.0	8.2
Colbert	23,620	24,050	24,040	23,600	23,710	23,500	23,520	23,760	24,310	24,140	24,310	23,880	24,060	24,020	23,910
	19.0	18.5	17.4	16.4	15.8	15.3	15.5	19.0	20.1	18.3	17.8	16.0	16.2	17.1	15.8
Conecuh	6,820	7,010	7,040	7,100	7,060	6,970	7,120	7,050	7,010	7,130	7,260	7,370	7,360	7,280	7,160
	13.9	12.7	11.1	12.6	11.7	12.3	13.7	13.7	14.1	12.6	11.1	10.0	10.6	11.5	9.7
Coosa	5,630	5,570	5,480	5,590	5,610	5,600	5,520	5,510	5,520	5,460	5,610	5,580	5,500	5,540	5,620
	10.8	10.3	9.5	8.1	7.7	8.2	7.8	9.0	8.8	7.8	7.5	6.5	7.9	7.8	8.4
Covington	15,630	16,340	16,690	16,590	16,580	16,500	16,160	16,280	16,570	16,360	16,370	16,370	16,310	16,290	16,380
	13.5	12.3	12.3	10.9	10.3	11.1	11.3	12.8	13.4	11.6	10.1	9.0	9.2	10.8	9.7
Crenshaw	6,830	7,220	7,340	7,570	7,640	7,250	6,820	6,750	6,810	6,920	7,170	7,440	7,220	7,100	7,210
	13.8	12.1	10.8	9.9	8.6	8.3	8.6	12.5	11.9	12.7	10.3	10.6	10.0	11.0	10.1
Cullman	27,400	28,710	28,570	29,050	29,480	28,830	28,050	28,430	28,700	29,070	29,160	29,300	29,220	29,070	29,740
	17.2	14.7	12.5	11.9	11.1	10.9	10.7	14.2	14.6	12.9	10.6	9.6	10.1	11.1	12.3
Dale	12,410	12,980	12,950	12,760	13,110	12,890	12,630	12,760	12,780	12,980	12,980	13,080	13,040	13,180	13,010
	13.1	13.7	12.6	11.6	11.8	12.1	11.5	12.8	13.3	13.7	11.4	11.0	11.0	13.4	11.1
Dallas	23,870	23,640	23,830	23,440	23,540	23,370	22,910	23,360	23,400	23,260	23,480	23,220	23,700	23,780	23,920
	17.3	17.5	16.3	15.5	15.2	15.3	14.7	17.0	16.6	15.6	15.5	14.3	15.2	16.5	17.2
DeKalb	28,460	29,950	30,580	30,100	30,200	29,530	28,890	29,440	29,310	29,580	30,100	30,290	30,670	31,270	30,900
	13.4	13.8	12.0	12.1	13.0	12.3	11.6	14.5	12.7	12.0	10.8	10.1	10.6	11.4	9.9
Elmore	19,880	20,770	21,020	20,680	20,780	20,570	20,250	20,170	20,220	20,390	20,570	20,670	20,860	20,700	20,720
	13.3	12.2	11.7	10.4	10.1	9.5	8.4	9.6	9.1	8.8	8.0	7.7	7.8	8.0	7.5
Escambia	16,470	17,430	17,360	17,340	17,360	17,410	17,440	17,560	17,610	17,420	17,610	17,680	17,770	17,660	17,520
	13.2	12.6	12.4	11.3	11.3	12.1	12.6	14.3	13.5	11.8	11.3	11.3	10.8	11.4	10.6
Etowah	42,720	42,450	42,350	41,440	41,890	41,720	41,370	41,660	41,700	41,500	41,810	41,700	42,230	42,870	42,900
	20.5	17.5	15.3	14.0	14.0	14.2	13.5	15.8	15.3	14.3	13.4	11.7	11.6	13.6	13.3
Fayette	9,830	10,170	10,100	10,330	10,450	10,310	10,160	10,160	10,170	10,340	10,490	10,550	10,540	10,530	10,580
	11.4	11.7	10.9	10.7	9.6	9.4	9.7	10.5	9.7	9.9	8.9	8.1	8.7	9.8	10.3
Franklin	13,310	14,200	14,530	14,500	14,440	14,320	14,010	15,060	15,190	15,390	14,930	14,910	14,830	15,100	14,760
	18.4	18.2	15.9	15.9	15.5	16.6	16.6	25.7	23.0	22.1	18.3	17.2	15.9	21.6	17.9
Geneva	10,800	11,400	11,450	11,570	11,950	11,600	11,470	11,330	11,320	11,430	11,670	11,830	11,940	11,760	11,870
	11.4	10.5	9.9	8.5	8.3	8.3	9.4	10.2	9.4	8.9	8.4	7.7	7.5	9.8	7.3
Greene	4,560	4,610	4,510	4,560	4,590	4,480	4,420	4,610	4,700	4,640	4,780	4,730	4,680	4,690	4,720
	17.0	16.7	14.1	13.3	12.7	13.5	15.4	21.5	21.4	17.7	16.8	14.6	15.5	16.4	16.5
Hale	4,980	5,310	5,260	5,360	5,460	5,340	5,270	5,380	5,310	5,310	5,450	5,440	5,510	5,570	5,450
	20.7	16.6	13.5	13.0	12.8	14.8	18.2	22.6	19.6	17.9	16.8	15.0	16.3	21.2	17.8
Henry	7,010	7,260	7,260	7,480	7,670	7,410	7,140	7,020	7,100	7,050	7,390	7,540	7,350	7,240	7,310
	12.2	11.2	10.7	10.0	9.1	9.3	9.4	11.5	10.2	8.6	8.4	8.3	8.8	10.6	9.9
Houston	39,040	40,070	40,360	40,720	41,050	40,160	39,630	39,610	39,840	40,080	40,770	41,060	41,290	41,010	40,490
	10.0	10.8	10.5	10.0	9.7	9.4	9.2	10.4	9.4	8.9	8.6	8.7	8.7	10.3	8.3
Jackson	21,080	20,800	20,280	20,690	20,980	20,320	19,980	19,810	19,930	19,660	19,640	19,440	19,200	19,940	19,140
	20.4	22.0	17.6	18.8	19.5	19.0	20.7	22.0	21.8	19.3	16.4	14.5	15.7	22.0	16.1
Jefferson	306,120	310,270	310,460	308,350	307,640	305,340	303,270	306,020	305,750	308,780	310,420	309,110	313,030	313,360	309,560
	13.8	12.8	11.8	11.6	10.8	10.7	10.1	11.6	10.7	10.9	9.9	9.2	9.4	9.8	9.5
Lamar	8,330	8,820	8,670	8,780	8,960	8,900	8,730	8,830	8,940	8,980	9,100	9,060	9,270	9,180	9,090
	13.5	9.8	8.7	8.2	7.9	8.4	7.3	8.9	8.2	7.5	7.5	7.2	8.6	9.2	7.7
Lauderdale	34,260	34,810	34,840	34,370	34,610	34,220	34,350	34,800	35,380	35,280	34,890	34,530	34,910	35,120	35,040
	17.5	16.9	15.8	15.2	14.8	14.0	14.5	18.3	18.8	17.4	15.4	14.2	14.7	16.2	15.1
Lawrence	14,310	14,490	14,140	13,910	13,990	13,680	13,380	13,650	13,720	13,660	13,870	13,880	13,730	13,790	13,520
	18.9	18.7	16.8	16.2	15.7	16.0	16.9	19.1	18.9	16.8	16.3	15.5	14.4	15.3	13.8
Lee	34,330	36,140	36,600	36,370	37,120	36,770	35,890	36,440	36,770	36,650	37,140	37,420	37,650	36,470	36,560
	9.4	8.4	8.0	7.2	6.9	6.5	6.0	7.3	7.2	6.4	6.6	6.2	7.8	7.8	7.7
Limestone	22,840	23,940	24,030	24,200	24,180	24,040	23,780	24,290	24,430	24,300	24,780	24,770	24,940	24,900	25,340
	13.6	11.0	8.9	9.0	8.6	9.0	8.5	11.2	11.1	9.7	9.6	8.5	8.5	9.0	9.3
Lowndes	4,960	5,320	5,400	5,490	5,560	5,420	5,290	5,260	5,270	5,180	5,390	5,360	5,300	5,290	5,340
	19.2	17.6	18.1	16.0	16.0	14.0	14.3	19.3	18.3	17.7	19.7	17.7	18.6	20.3	19.9
Macon	7,820	8,000	8,160	8,030	8,090	7,800	7,760	7,810	7,810	7,780	7,930	8,000	8,360	8,220	8,220
	14.9	13.5	14.6	11.4	11.2	11.1	11.4	12.7	11.9	10.6	10.5	9.6	13.9	14.3	14.2
Madison	94,570	100,410	102,590	102,490	103,030	102,090	100,970	102,220	102,160	104,170	104,170	104,860	105,950	104,940	106,220
	10.7	9.2	8.6	8.0	8.1	8.2	7.7	9.7	9.0	9.8	7.9	7.5	7.7	7.6	7.4
Marengo	9,690	9,920	9,840	9,790	9,860	9,790	9,640	9,860	9,800	9,970	9,960	9,960	10,260	10,430	10,120
	15.4	15.4	13.4	12.2	11.7	12.1	12.9	15.0	14.2	15.0	12.7	11.7	12.7	15.6	12.2
Marion	13,300	13,760	13,810	13,490	13,500	13,580	13,250	13,550	13,490	13,490	13,420	13,320	13,390	13,490	13,480
	18.3	19.4	17.4	16.2	16.1	17.7	15.6	18.6	17.6	16.4	14.2	12.3	11.6	13.9	15.3
Marshall	33,020	34,920	35,030	35,200	35,260	35,020	34,960	35,930	36,000	35,470	35,910	35,770	36,400	38,390	36,520
	14.8	13.0	10.9	10.8	10.6	10.9	11.2	14.4	14.0	11.8	11.0	9.6	10.5	15.8	10.3
Mobile	158,750	163,820	167,360	163,240	163,950	161,260	158,890	163,040	163,710	164,260	164,740	164,340	167,090	167,440	166,180
	14.0	15.9	16.2	15.1	14.3	13.3	12.9	15.9	15.1	14.5	13.3	12.8	12.7	12.9	12.7

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983					1984							
	1982	1983	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	10,350	10,770	10,860	10,820	10,950	10,980	10,900	10,940	10,950	10,900	11,010	10,840	11,060	11,020	11,050
	14.2	12.6	11.4	10.9	11.7	12.6	12.4	15.6	14.9	13.4	12.6	10.1	12.5	12.7	12.1
Montgomery	88,090	92,650	93,700	93,230	94,230	93,970	92,810	92,730	93,380	93,460	94,480	94,540	96,350	95,770	95,700
	11.1	10.6	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.0	9.3	10.7	10.6	9.6	9.0	8.4	9.4	9.7	9.0
Morgan	37,450	37,990	38,190	37,970	37,960	37,520	37,080	37,630	37,490	37,610	38,060	38,070	38,500	38,390	37,870
	16.1	14.5	13.6	13.0	12.8	12.4	11.5	14.5	13.6	13.7	12.4	11.6	12.0	12.5	11.5
Perry	5,690	5,860	5,940	5,910	5,950	5,870	5,780	5,840	5,690	5,660	5,730	5,780	5,910	5,860	5,900
	15.7	14.8	13.6	11.6	11.2	15.7	19.2	22.4	15.1	12.1	10.8	10.0	10.4	12.5	12.2
Pickens	7,550	7,630	7,620	7,590	7,650	7,510	7,600	7,500	7,540	7,450	7,590	7,730	7,790	7,700	7,670
	19.7	17.7	15.7	14.4	14.2	13.3	16.3	17.9	17.3	15.8	15.2	16.4	15.2	15.7	15.3
Pike	13,260	13,770	13,660	13,710	14,370	13,890	12,960	13,360	13,420	13,590	13,680	13,870	13,890	13,620	13,500
	13.4	13.7	13.3	11.9	10.6	10.8	11.9	12.0	11.8	12.0	9.6	8.9	9.9	10.6	10.5
Randolph	9,710	9,170	9,040	8,880	9,310	9,050	8,950	8,890	8,830	8,780	8,320	8,880	8,650	9,240	8,830
	21.7	17.8	16.4	12.7	12.1	12.7	13.8	18.0	16.2	15.9	13.1	12.9	14.0	22.0	16.9
Russell	17,990	18,320	18,510	18,080	18,230	18,190	18,210	19,480	18,890	18,560	18,790	18,930	20,370	19,660	19,290
	16.7	13.7	11.5	11.7	11.6	11.2	11.5	17.9	14.3	12.1	11.8	11.9	17.0	13.7	11.1
St Clair	18,980	19,350	19,000	19,090	19,070	19,100	19,280	19,310	19,470	19,030	19,280	19,110	19,330	19,280	19,210
	14.7	14.2	11.6	12.4	11.7	12.4	13.2	14.0	13.9	11.3	10.9	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.5
Shelby	29,940	30,510	30,580	30,380	30,570	30,230	30,220	30,890	30,650	30,300	30,740	30,910	31,490	31,510	30,920
	13.0	12.4	11.6	11.4	11.4	10.9	10.9	13.6	12.1	10.3	10.1	10.3	11.0	11.4	10.5
Sumter	6,810	6,990	7,120	6,900	7,100	7,110	6,850	7,060	7,040	7,170	7,220	7,180	7,360	7,330	7,300
	17.7	14.3	13.7	10.6	11.1	11.8	9.9	12.2	11.1	12.0	13.3	10.1	13.2	13.5	12.7
Talladega	30,840	32,030	32,380	32,240	32,440	31,670	31,300	31,730	31,670	31,920	32,210	31,900	32,680	32,130	32,380
	19.2	17.1	16.2	14.8	14.2	13.5	13.0	15.0	14.6	14.7	14.5	13.5	15.1	15.0	16.2
Tallapoosa	16,900	16,580	16,780	16,510	16,660	16,560	16,620	16,850	16,970	17,080	17,220	17,160	17,620	17,600	17,620
	13.5	12.2	12.0	9.8	10.3	9.6	9.9	10.6	10.2	9.8	8.7	8.0	9.3	9.7	10.3
Tuscaloosa	55,530	56,520	56,210	55,900	56,800	56,540	56,400	56,910	57,500	58,020	58,090	58,180	57,710	57,230	57,660
	12.6	12.5	12.1	10.9	10.9	10.5	10.3	11.8	11.2	11.1	9.7	10.3	10.1	10.3	10.2
Walker	31,760	32,980	32,860	32,630	33,300	32,910	33,020	33,440	33,350	33,330	32,570	32,520	32,570	32,700	32,390
	15.0	16.1	14.8	14.6	15.7	15.2	15.6	17.3	16.3	15.5	12.1	11.7	10.9	11.6	11.5
Washington	6,200	6,380	6,420	6,530	6,500	6,340	6,210	6,330	6,400	6,550	6,510	6,770	6,610	6,770	6,540
	16.9	20.0	18.6	17.5	16.4	15.8	15.7	17.8	18.1	18.0	16.1	18.5	17.2	21.6	18.3
Wilcox	6,380	5,860	5,500	5,590	5,680	5,490	5,320	5,340	5,380	5,230	5,340	5,410	5,420	5,360	5,300
	18.7	20.3	18.4	18.3	18.1	17.6	17.1	18.8	18.0	17.2	16.1	16.0	16.6	18.0	16.4
Winston	8,480	9,150	9,280	9,170	9,290	9,170	8,960	9,570	9,850	9,450	9,450	9,500	9,400	9,310	9,260
	22.5	18.6	16.3	14.8	15.3	16.2	16.5	23.4	25.8	20.0	17.9	18.4	16.2	17.4	17.5
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	551,093	643,182	70,692	22,392	85,365	50,213	46,894	51,145	40,064	53,684	72,261	83,186	44,217	90,034	54,364
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	8,142	6,288	819	430	826	757	423	583	508	232	718	905	769	988	1,019
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	1,222,158	788,611	33,212	51,981	64,610	81,993	64,282	69,760	39,449	46,631	32,516	60,111	47,488	31,808	44,217
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	14,577	9,496	344	524	547	546	868	1,731	1,283	1,667	2,096	1,930	1,915	1,292	2,293
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile *(1,000 tons)*	39,655	34,916	3,013	2,812	2,948	3,118	2,653	3,017	2,522	3,015	3,110	3,266	3,413	3,307	3,549
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	22,680	23,017	2,571	2,547	1,798	1,588	1,884	2,494	2,093	1,793	1,604	1,607	1,968	2,445	2,384
Gasoline sales *(1,000 gallons)*	1,840,396	1,861,406	165,359	153,217	153,174	148,354	168,460	150,958	141,858	162,105	162,606	162,470	161,968	163,798	168,845
New passenger car registrations *(number)*	100,717	122,393	10,012	11,285	10,378	10,295	11,751	10,453	11,116	11,051	11,616	13,890	12,648	12,806	12,579
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals *($1,000,000)*															
Food	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	289	281	305	305	301	304	313	291
General stores with food and gas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	12	14	15	15	15	15	14
General merchandise	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	157	144	176	191	191	196	176	189
Apparel	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	34	46	52	45	47	40	46
Furniture, furnishings, etc	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	40	44	43	44	45	46	44
Automotive	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	211	234	275	259	279	286	266	259
Gasoline service stations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	22	25	25	26	25	26	23
Lumber and building materials	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	61	73	77	81	82	79	77
Hardware and farm implements	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	29	37	39	40	40	37	37
Eating places	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95	97	112	102	104	106	109	111
Drug stores	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	21	21	21	24	25	19	19
All other retail	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	153	156	173	175	176	180	167	174
Total sales by retail concerns	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,115	1,130	1,303	1,304	1,326	1,351	1,293	1,285
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	190	187	213	216	228	227	216	212
Total all sales at retail	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,305	1,317	1,516	1,520	1,554	1,578	1,509	1,498
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36,218	36,363	42,586	42,241	43,079	43,640	41,400	42,000
Birmingham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	347,386	363,473	421,290	417,003	427,410	431,458	414,383	415,646
Dothan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43,786	47,674	53,482	52,859	55,980	57,172	53,300	51,979
Florence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42,222	43,478	50,264	51,024	51,483	52,209	50,634	49,997
Gadsden	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32,540	32,361	37,607	38,355	38,946	39,409	41,526	40,344
Huntsville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74,337	77,028	85,487	85,634	87,800	88,830	85,959	88,077
Mobile	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	149,186	150,636	173,431	177,616	179,142	186,094	178,186	161,081
Montgomery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	99,258	102,791	116,563	117,030	122,638	124,621	119,043	116,276
Tuscaloosa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47,063	45,373	51,856	50,659	52,053	53,301	50,549	58,623
Counties															
Autauga	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,750	6,981	7,965	8,236	8,135	8,430	8,378	8,081
Baldwin	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22,302	24,507	28,068	28,680	30,017	30,879	30,900	29,531
Barbour	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,143	4,784	5,918	5,880	6,098	6,217	6,102	6,470
Bibb	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,797	2,970	3,282	3,314	3,674	3,711	3,266	3,593
Blount	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,051	6,128	6,974	7,144	7,736	7,884	7,397	7,972
Bullock	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,107	2,142	2,143	2,123	1,975	1,993	1,984	2,005
Butler	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,521	4,604	5,446	5,552	5,362	5,466	5,648	5,594
Calhoun	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36,218	36,363	42,586	42,241	43,079	43,640	41,400	42,000
Chambers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,075	7,884	9,212	9,071	9,376	8,911	9,188	8,418
Cherokee	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,446	3,634	3,913	4,128	4,340	4,418	3,836	4,116
Chilton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,947	7,004	8,129	8,266	8,492	8,630	7,969	8,203
Choctaw	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,995	2,759	3,203	3,039	2,917	2,998	2,870	3,065
Clarke	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,232	7,229	8,280	8,615	7,847	7,939	7,529	7,645
Clay	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,884	1,877	2,294	2,220	2,239	2,270	2,159	2,248
Cleburne	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,686	1,611	1,936	1,951	1,982	1,997	2,082	1,853
Coffee	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,469	14,295	16,957	16,213	16,486	16,268	14,864	14,404

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983					1984							
	1982	1983	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert								17,564	18,128	20,907	21,049	21,665	22,002	21,309	20,852
Conecuh								2,505	2,723	3,441	3,132	3,069	3,034	2,895	2,700
Coosa								619	525	723	714	696	671	731	741
Covington								9,580	10,588	12,081	11,535	11,599	11,782	11,163	11,203
Crenshaw								2,377	2,302	2,509	2,536	2,518	2,574	2,447	2,298
Cullman								15,925	16,817	19,753	19,999	20,179	20,924	19,907	19,254
Dale								7,035	7,619	8,766	8,492	8,842	8,984	8,699	8,184
Dallas								14,219	14,086	16,687	16,507	17,189	17,249	16,079	15,727
DeKalb								13,348	13,021	13,813	14,701	15,505	15,819	14,913	15,327
Elmore								7,196	7,516	8,428	8,221	8,863	9,040	8,545	8,503
Escambia								9,860	10,622	12,087	12,448	11,723	11,892	11,348	11,272
Etowah								32,540	32,361	37,607	38,355	38,946	39,409	41,526	40,344
Fayette								4,728	4,969	5,815	5,397	5,681	5,751	4,951	5,182
Franklin								6,713	7,347	8,516	8,423	8,423	8,611	8,074	7,705
Geneva								10,841	11,558	11,995	12,075	12,439	12,486	11,578	11,789
Greene								1,267	1,281	1,564	1,492	1,612	1,633	2,054	1,564
Hale								2,239	2,395	2,767	2,573	2,805	2,850	2,524	2,745
Henry								2,323	2,464	3,030	3,011	2,953	2,999	2,936	2,930
Houston								36,751	40,055	44,716	44,367	47,138	48,188	44,601	43,795
Jackson								9,259	9,452	10,927	10,911	11,209	11,620	11,050	11,446
Jefferson								294,780	309,846	360,084	355,135	360,813	364,208	350,750	352,510
Lamar								2,691	2,901	3,797	3,127	3,422	3,462	3,076	3,027
Lauderdale								24,658	25,350	29,357	29,975	29,818	30,207	29,325	29,145
Lawrence								3,647	3,475	4,135	4,212	4,585	4,662	4,073	4,314
Lee								24,947	24,852	28,202	28,126	29,183	29,552	27,918	27,171
Limestone								11,168	11,418	13,548	13,572	14,077	14,350	13,048	13,663
Lowndes								1,271	1,207	1,326	1,371	1,457	1,470	1,322	1,343
Macon								3,851	3,179	3,476	3,650	3,753	3,830	3,736	4,163
Madison								74,337	77,028	85,487	85,634	87,800	88,830	85,959	88,077
Marengo								5,549	5,112	5,667	5,439	5,509	5,447	5,185	5,434
Marion								6,860	7,017	8,208	7,468	7,911	8,106	7,772	7,433
Marshall								22,754	23,968	27,928	28,111	29,284	29,688	28,033	28,440
Mobile								126,884	126,129	145,363	148,936	149,125	155,215	147,286	131,550
Monroe								6,164	6,518	8,373	7,645	7,711	7,941	7,684	6,381
Montgomery								85,312	88,294	100,170	100,573	105,640	107,151	102,120	99,692
Morgan								30,390	31,377	36,643	37,597	38,498	39,070	36,264	37,749
Perry								1,631	1,870	2,145	2,027	2,146	2,162	2,074	2,283
Pickens								2,964	2,925	3,487	3,624	3,636	3,683	3,427	3,538
Pike								6,438	6,699	7,666	7,337	7,508	7,446	7,075	7,440
Randolph								5,135	4,639	4,898	4,440	4,784	4,858	4,497	4,346
Russell								8,176	8,978	9,997	9,932	10,239	10,408	10,144	10,281
St Clair								8,317	9,182	10,380	9,955	10,749	10,928	10,001	9,981
Shelby								17,848	17,886	21,005	20,782	22,707	22,896	21,774	20,652
Sumter								2,247	2,163	2,866	2,443	2,410	2,508	2,506	2,540
Talladega								17,279	17,185	19,180	20,283	22,775	21,261	20,120	19,309
Tallapoosa								9,468	9,637	10,653	11,074	11,406	11,588	10,604	10,224
Tuscaloosa								47,063	45,373	51,856	50,659	52,053	53,301	50,549	58,623
Walker								20,390	20,431	22,847	23,987	25,405	25,542	24,461	24,531
Washington								1,575	1,619	1,720	1,825	1,930	1,962	1,267	1,518
Wilcox								2,935	2,092	2,419	2,249	3,045	3,097	2,952	2,255
Winston								4,972	5,188	6,009	6,159	6,415	6,434	5,715	5,794
Statewide[11]								84,042	63,297	74,524	79,815	75,430	77,895	74,926	75,332
BUILDING PERMITS[12]															
Alabama															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	712,696	1,079,085	120,559	96,165	86,676	162,881	76,349	65,449	75,497	99,328	193,079	97,366	115,116	99,776	147,117
Residential	237,082	449,881	47,066	34,835	43,819	42,063	27,533	24,927	38,376	39,447	46,811	38,102	43,568	36,909	42,389
Nonresidential	300,343	366,127	35,834	29,816	19,695	95,659	33,868	22,711	21,524	32,351	130,709	42,724	53,582	44,597	79,263
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	5,965	8,848	895	794	818	718	693	595	644	790	788	915	842	833	749
Residential	2,700	3,593	309	263	268	261	231	247	255	317	317	406	324	322	317
Nonresidential	442	932	124	106	109	101	81	75	93	126	113	117	139	104	92
Birmingham															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	109,048	213,343	14,059	30,767	9,844	83,104	6,605	5,689	4,413	8,945	7,619	5,562	8,258	8,169	14,214
Residential	13,918	31,921	1,317	2,529	4,275	904	885	1,100	1,574	2,100	2,551	814	1,299	763	1,285
Nonresidential	61,839	108,370	7,416	12,498	767	70,397	526	985	530	1,071	90	768	2,963	2,369	1,967
Decatur															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	8,551	14,095	1,367	1,424	1,278	1,004	789	912	1,111	1,075	1,106	1,520	1,342	1,909	2,170
Residential	2,937	7,340	918	995	862	663	267	673	845	739	739	1,096	925	1,080	1,357
Nonresidential	3,812	2,156	155	156	140	116	32	73	81	115	139	172	171	355	429
Dothan															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	28,821	18,943	1,340	700	3,402	2,191	2,952	1,075	1,064	1,568	1,353	1,326	1,514	901	1,599
Residential	5,626	7,760	366	316	2,412	805	351	444	631	685	695	448	759	182	226
Nonresidential	9,720	6,339	319	40	367	1,127	2,146	457	100	452	518	238	257	125	641
Gadsden															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	10,429	13,596	354	549	550	1,389	1,189	656	530	214	565	1,351	865	166	260
Residential	1,517	2,006	282	224	329	75	61	110	57	92	347	976	219	26	74
Nonresidential	3,271	3,912	2	271	201	1,283	1,104	24	452	102	163	122	493	101	143
Huntsville															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	58,302	122,759	17,391	8,823	20,834	9,742	6,919	6,115	16,817	12,836	8,111	13,997	13,853	14,007	14,163
Residential	18,311	51,350	7,145	2,171	10,578	1,598	1,939	2,203	7,732	4,874	4,843	3,753	6,032	3,331	6,078
Nonresidential	14,238	45,128	6,403	5,166	3,320	5,238	3,809	2,270	5,358	7,169	2,413	8,366	5,970	9,394	6,045
Mobile															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	83,675	109,508	13,411	5,161	6,093	8,760	10,475	3,718	5,366	17,080	116,254	6,250	36,928	6,707	4,020
Residential	19,544	38,261	1,810	1,127	990	1,586	7,313	984	1,470	1,424	2,639	2,009	6,935	3,208	1,071
Nonresidential	43,701	49,663	10,337	1,465	2,188	5,173	2,058	1,419	2,488	4,160	112,221	3,331	28,665	2,127	1,153

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983					1984							
	1982	1983	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	52,352	76,984	6,829	6,315	6,326	5,764	5,127	14,164	5,100	6,477	6,330	6,994	7,007	8,192	8,070
Residential	15,363	32,619	2,354	2,081	2,108	2,278	1,874	2,436	2,131	2,462	2,509	2,493	2,528	3,504	3,361
Nonresidential	22,178	28,264	2,762	2,652	2,596	2,170	1,856	9,934	1,882	2,727	2,496	3,043	3,059	3,719	3,896
Quad-Cities[13]															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	18,563	12,978	1,361	1,250	852	1,360	699	2,642	1,410	4,666	2,443	4,910	1,260	2,227	1,799
Residential	7,481	6,391	513	623	428	874	166	480	754	1,298	700	792	323	633	721
Nonresidential	5,722	3,506	705	380	337	123	100	207	585	3,031	1,079	3,887	614	1,265	160
Selma															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	2,757	4,197	103	901	67	98	356	1,826	213	219	1,019	356	158	994	184
Residential	987	357	20	......	......	65	20	......	......	24	87	82	117	148	75
Nonresidential	1,739	798	20	18	30	1	......	3	133	36	717	35	......	7	......
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	21,418	30,159	3,340	3,777	1,814	1,809	613	1,505	2,647	3,328	1,804	4,323	4,183	1,719	2,805
Residential	6,592	14,849	1,194	1,378	396	717	407	1,032	1,163	2,097	988	2,153	1,284	737	1,634
Nonresidential	8,408	6,227	1,221	711	527	599	3	132	929	573	277	1,529	1,301	615	360

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding.

[1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks, excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9] Excludes sales to federal government.

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[11] Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

[12] Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

[13] Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

More City Finances From Own Sources in 1983

Cities raised three-fourths of their own revenue in fiscal 1983--the highest proportion since 1970, according to the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Since 1976 federal and state governments have contributed progressively smaller proportions of city revenues, according to the bureau. In 1976 federal and state governments accounted for about a third of all city revenues. By 1983 those sources accounted for only about a fourth of city revenues.

Other findings from the Census Bureau's report, *City Government Finances in 1982-83*, include:

--Total expenditures by cities in fiscal 1983 amounted to $853 per capita.

--Tax revenues for cities have not increased as fast as other revenue sources, such as utility charges and interest earnings.

--Salary and wage costs averaged 34.8 percent of city expenditures.

--Capital outlays by cities accounted for 15.8 percent of all city spending.

MSA Sales Data Corrected

Monthly retail sales data for the Dothan, Florence, Gadsden, Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery, and Tuscaloosa Metropolitan Statistical Areas were scrambled in previous issues. All data for these MSAs have been corrected in this issue. If you utilize these data, please check your records for correctness. Data for Anniston and Birmingham MSAs were not affected.

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The Economy in Perspective

Focus on Morgan County

Morgan County is in the north central part of Alabama. Its seat and only sizable city is Decatur, which had a 1980 population of 42,000. The county as a whole had a 1980 Census population of 90,231, making it the state's eighth most populous county out of sixty-seven counties. Morgan County's projected 1985 population is 98,000, an 8.6 percent increase in five years. The county's population is 90 percent white and 10 percent black. Fewer than 300 of the 98,000 people are Asian, Indian, or any other race.

Most (54.8 percent) of Morgan County's population belongs to the age group between 19 and 64 years, the group that is thought of as the working-age population. The retirement-age population, people 65 years and over, makes up 10 percent of Morgan County residents. Children, people age newborn through 18, make up the remaining 32.2 percent of the county's citizenry.

Employment in the county is heavily dominated by the manufacturing sector. Thirty-three percent of all persons earning wages or salaries are employed by a manufacturing industry. This compares to a state average of only 21 percent. The chemical industry is an especially big manufacturing employer. Monsanto, Three M, and Amoco Chemicals have large plants in Decatur, and there are other, smaller chemical plants as well. The primary metals industry has major employers in Decatur such as Universal Oil Products, making copper tubing and aluminum tubing, and Fruehauf Corporation, making aluminum sheet and other aluminum products. Food manufacturing is another significant industry in the area. Several companies produce animal feeds; other employers process commodities such as soybeans and poultry.

Per capita personal income in Morgan County is higher than in most Alabama counties. Manufacturing wage rates tend to be higher than the wage rates of other sectors of the economy, such as retail trade or services, and these high wage rates may be pulling up the average per capita income.

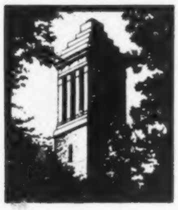
A counterbalancing influence has been Morgan County's high unemployment rate. During the recession all manufacturing industries were noticably affected, and areas heavily dependent on manufacturing suffered greatly. Manufacturing's recovery has been slow and Morgan County's unemployment rate has been above the state average since 1980 and continues to the present in double digits.

The sectors of Morgan County's economy after manufacturing that have the most employees are retail trade (14 percent of total wage and salary employment), services (15 percent), and state and local government (15.5 percent). Unfortunately, growth in retail trade, state and local government, and services is not expected to progress at the rate of the rest of the economy for the next several years. Many occupations in these industries, such as clerks, security guards, and data entry operators, are at the low end of wage scales. So in addition to being low-growth industries, the average annual pay is also low.

Morgan Countians can be proud that the educational attainment of their citizenry is above the state average. Almost 12 percent of the adults 25 years old or older have college degrees, and an additional 13 percent have attended college but not graduated. On the negative side, 22 percent of the adult citizenry in the county have only elementary school educations. Eighteen percent attended but did not finish high school, and the remaining 35 percent finished high school but have no advanced education.

Morgan County is blessed with people who are ready and willing to work, and who are convinced of the importance of education. However, the employment opportunities in the areas have been disappointing. Manufacturing jobs with high wage rates are not expected to open up quickly, and high growth occupations in other sectors of the economy do not generally pay high wages.

--Annette Jones Watters



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The Outlook for the Alabama Economy

By

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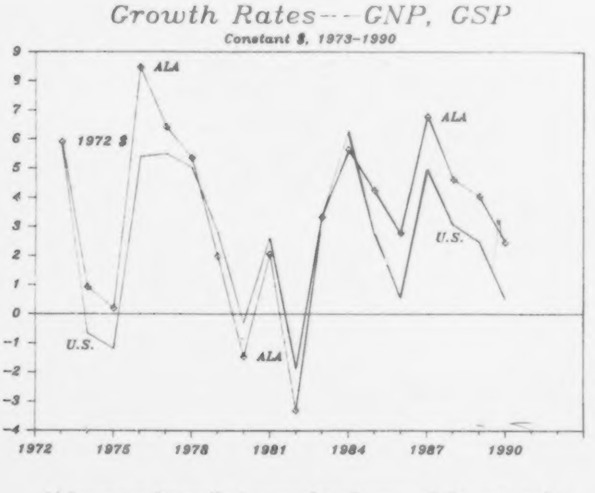
Editor's Note: The following article, excerpted from ALABAMA ECONOMIC OUTLOOK 1985 to be published by Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Office of State Planning and Federal Programs, summarizes the outlook for the Alabama economy through 1990. Findings are based upon the most recent forecast of the Alabama Econometric Model, developed and maintained by the Center for Business and Economic Research. Readers will be notified once the publication becomes available.

The recession of 1980-82 left its mark on Alabama. Manufacturing alone lost over 39,000 jobs. And, while over the ten-year period 1974 through 1983 Alabama real Gross State Product (the total inflation-adjusted value of all goods and services produced in the state) grew by 24.9 percent, manufacturing grew by only 12.9 percent. As a result, industries such as primary metals, once the backbone of the Alabama economy, are being displaced by other manufacturing industries, such as electrical machinery, as well as by nonmanufacturing industries like trade and communications.

Figure 1 highlights the recent and forecasted growth behavior of Alabama real Gross State Product and real Gross National Product. It is interesting to compare the Alabama economy's behavior during the 1974-75 recession against the 1980-82 recession. Over the two-year period 1974 and 1975, Alabama did not suffer nearly as badly as the U.S. and experienced a much stronger recovery. GNP experienced growth rate lows of -0.6 percent and -1.2 percent, while Alabama GSP held its own with modest growth of 0.9 percent and 0.2 percent. However, the double-dip recession of 1980-82 found Alabama much worse off with real output declines of -1.5 percent and -3.3 percent, compared to declines of -0.3 percent and -1.9 percent for the U.S. While there is no one reason, a major factor can be found in the nature of Alabama's industries.

Figure 1

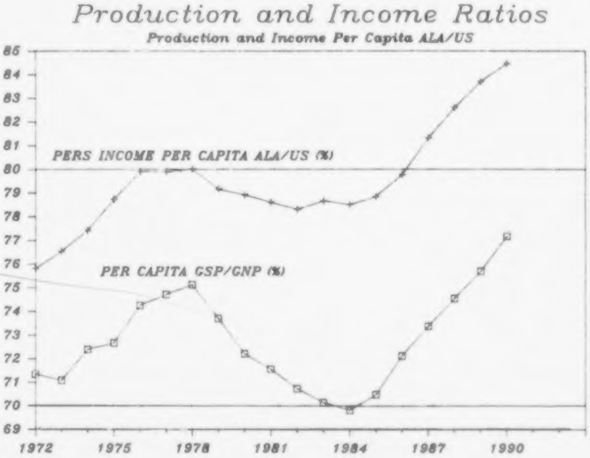


Alabama traditionally has produced many of the raw and intermediate materials for finished durable goods and construction materials. Since the expansion of credit buying, the purchase of many of these big-ticket consumer items has become quite sensitive to the *monthly payment* as opposed to the *list price*. And, of course, business and industry depend heavily on outside financing for capital construction and inventory. When interest rates rose to unprecedented heights during 1980 through 1982, consumer and capital spending was shut down and the Alabama economy along with it.

Alabama has the natural resources, geographic location, and foundations of an infrastructure that will allow the state's economy to grow at vigorous rates. The current forecast calls for Alabama to return to the robust growth of the late 1960s and early 1970s. Like a young company in a growth market, Alabama has room to grow. Many Alabama cities are at the takeoff point, ready to become major growth centers in the South and the nation. And, given local and state support, many other communities and regions in the state can also achieve steady growth through the balance of the decade.

Per capita Alabama Gross State Product is projected to grow faster than per capita Gross National Product, rising from an estimated 70.7 percent of U.S. GNP in 1984 to 78.3 percent in 1990. Figure 2 illustrates the per capita GSP/GNP ratio, along with the per capita personal income ratio of Alabama/U.S. through 1990.

Figure 2



Upon inspection, such an increase in Alabama personal income and output is not unprecedented. Alabama has demonstrated the capacity to grow. The natural and human resources are in place.

To demonstrate this capacity, Alabama real Gross State Product grew 24 percent over the four-year period 1975 to 1979, an average of 6 percent per year. The current forecast calls for Alabama to sustain GSP growth of 5.4 percent per year for the balance of the decade. Should the state's economy sustain such a growth rate, per capita personal income can be expected to rise from an estimated 78.5 percent of U.S. per capita personal income in 1984 to 84.5 percent in 1990.

Employment

Employment is expected to grow 10.2 percent over the six-year period 1984 to 1990. This growth is not expected to come exclusively from manufacturing. Rather, consistent with projected growth in real output, employment increases will occur largely in the service industries; finance, insurance, and real estate; trade; and com-

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1983				1984								
	1982	1983	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production (1,000 net tons)	25,869	23,071	1,937	2,150	2,044	1,849	2,181	2,434	2,518	2,211	2,327	2,377	2,056	2,590	2,418
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	133,892	126,576	9,028	10,409	10,453	9,407	10,962	11,264	10,750	11,386	11,920	9,984	10,667	11,898	11,371
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	320,808	360,820	31,394	30,597	29,370	28,336	28,600	31,542	29,964	27,531	30,038	26,733	23,408	29,670	27,820
Crude oil and condensate production (1,000 barrels)	20,011	18,708	1,435	1,522	1,569	1,499	1,624	1,578	1,590	1,533	1,673	1,583	1,752	1,680	1,673
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	21,431	21,020	1,892	1,818	1,799	1,698	1,827	1,958	1,919	1,983	2,005	2,104	2,039	2,146	2,135
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	5,419	6,166	511	559	510	479	532	526	580	571	525	561	534	559	540
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined ($1,000)	2,011,200	2,763,700	235,100	272,000	290,900	214,400	228,400	159,700	244,600	174,300	571,700	231,400	210,600	383,400	202,200
Residential	847,200	1,286,500	155,300	136,900	96,700	93,600	98,300	82,200	125,100	104,500	117,500	114,100	105,900	163,200	96,800
Nonresidential	660,000	1,025,800	45,500	107,800	162,600	88,600	112,300	36,300	66,600	47,500	92,500	71,300	60,700	137,900	43,900
Public works and utilities	504,000	451,300	34,300	27,300	31,500	32,200	17,700	41,300	52,900	22,300	361,300	46,400	43,900	84,200	59,300
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	928	1,086	101	108	92	67	68	87	108	100	112	117	102	110	105
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations ($1,000,000)	4,598	5,263	5,158	5,191	5,204	5,263	5,289	5,323	5,389	5,387	5,416	5,492	5,544	5,606	5,681
Tax collections ($1,000)															
Total	2,112,332	2,288,165	219,553	186,326	221,579	154,139	205,929	202,747	264,652	234,338	246,438	198,192	195,871	215,569	241,633
Franchise	52,016	52,214	7,300	4,430	1,980	507	302	1,153	28,642	5,879	1,275	2,504	9,422	2,315	6,357
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	197,894	199,587	17,874	16,536	16,469	16,044	18,417	16,305	15,305	17,523	17,585	17,564	17,504	17,752	18,217
Income	765,160	815,838	81,667	38,160	83,559	53,073	49,125	95,328	130,393	82,889	130,465	81,367	42,840	90,776	92,998
Motor fuels	41,505	45,027	3,383	4,189	5,673	3,906	3,415	4,409	3,448	3,899	4,703	3,735	3,580	5,287	3,166
Oil/gas privilege	36,891	89,645	5,168	5,106	34,115	4,424	5,742	5,924	5,475	5,164	5,571	5,438	5,605	9,662	5,294
Oil/gas production	18,510	17,290	1,331	1,314	1,339	1,146	1,465	1,565	1,442	1,384	1,480	1,437	1,478	1,322	1,409
Sales	562,208	609,132	51,526	51,888	53,500	49,930	67,569	49,655	50,142	55,808	56,985	58,145	57,514	56,957	58,767
2.2% Gross receipts	44,104	46,185	3,548	10,134	63	6	13,504	152	9	13,448	210	1	13,723	....	15
TVA electric	35,999	31,290	2,911	2,867	....	2,867	5,734	....	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	6,895
Tobacco	70,885	68,915	5,906	6,030	5,454	6,081	5,485	4,985	5,418	5,734	6,072	6,211	5,980	6,516	6,380
Use	67,876	66,519	643	15,021	1,389	459	15,067	1,975	1,045	15,351	2,019	604	16,868	1,310	1,419
Utility	134,597	152,287	12,838	22,053	11,324	11,079	14,760	15,900	13,171	11,714	9,654	11,225	12,587	14,277	12,234
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. (1967 = 100)															
All items	288.8	298.4	301.8	302.6	303.1	303.5	305.2	306.6	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7	313.0	314.5
Food	285.7	291.7	292.6	292.9	292.5	293.9	299.4	302.1	302.2	302.3	301.4	302.0	303.2	304.8	304.2
Housing	314.7	323.1	326.4	326.8	327.0	327.4	329.2	331.0	331.5	333.2	334.6	336.2	338.1	339.5	341.4
Fuel and utilities	350.8	370.3	376.4	374.4	371.3	370.6	376.0	383.0	380.1	380.9	385.5	390.0	393.9	395.5	397.0
Apparel and upkeep	191.8	196.5	200.4	200.7	200.7	199.3	196.4	196.2	198.8	199.2	198.9	197.4	196.6	200.1	204.2
Transportation	291.5	298.4	303.7	305.0	306.3	306.3	306.0	305.8	306.9	309.6	312.2	313.1	312.9	312.9	313.7
Medical care	328.7	357.3	361.2	362.9	364.9	366.2	369.5	373.2	374.5	375.7	376.8	378.0	380.3	381.9	383.1
Energy	416.0	419.3	429.3	425.1	419.9	418.0	416.7	420.2	418.1	421.3	426.1	428.5	428.3	427.3	429.0
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	299.3	303.1	305.3	306.0	305.5	306.1	308.0	308.9	311.0	311.3	311.5	311.3	311.9	310.9	309.5
Industrial commodities	312.3	315.7	317.1	318.5	318.3	318.4	319.1	320.6	321.9	322.6	323.2	323.8	323.9	323.5	322.3
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers (1977 = 100)	115.8	121.3	123.0	122.0	129.0	131.0	140.0	138.0	138.0	138.0	134.0	127.0	129.0	121.0	122.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = $1.000)															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	346	335	331	330	330	329	328	326	325	324	323	322	321	319	318
Wholesale prices	334	330	328	327	327	327	325	324	322	321	321	321	321	322	323
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,713.0	1,744.8	1,745.3	1,774.6	1,774.9	1,732.8	1,754.8	1,759.6	1,765.8	1,777.0	1,777.0	1,794.7	1,797.2	1,786.7	1,791.5
Unemployment	247.0	235.1	214.5	220.7	223.1	197.0	238.4	227.9	218.0	197.1	185.5	195.1	212.7	196.8	198.6
Unemployment rate	14.4	13.5	12.3	12.4	12.6	11.4	13.6	13.0	12.3	11.1	10.4	10.9	11.8	11.0	11.1
Employment	1,466.0	1,509.7	1,530.8	1,553.9	1,551.8	1,535.8	1,516.4	1,531.7	1,547.8	1,579.9	1,591.5	1,599.6	1,584.5	1,589.9	1,592.9
Nonagricultural	1,312.5	1,318.4	1,326.5	1,334.8	1,336.6	1,338.8	1,324.4	1,330.2	1,333.0	1,345.7	1,348.8	1,359.5	1,348.4	1,352.8	1,347.2
Manufacturing	337.8	338.2	345.5	346.0	346.3	345.6	344.6	345.2	346.6	351.1	351.8	353.7	345.5	351.1	345.0
Durable goods	159.1	157.6	161.1	161.9	162.6	162.2	161.9	162.9	165.4	167.0	167.5	168.4	167.1	168.0	167.3
Lumber and wood products	25.1	27.6	28.7	28.6	28.4	28.3	27.8	28.2	28.8	28.9	29.0	29.0	29.2	29.4	29.0
Stone, clay, glass products	8.6	8.7	9.0	8.8	8.7	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.8	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.0	9.1	8.8
Primary metals	29.6	24.8	24.5	24.6	24.6	24.8	25.2	25.2	26.2	26.2	26.4	26.2	25.8	26.1	25.7
Blast furn. and steel works	8.8	5.7	5.2	5.3	5.5	6.1	6.6	7.1	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.2
Iron and steel foundries	11.4	10.5	10.7	10.7	10.5	9.9	10.0	9.6	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.2
Fabricated metals	22.8	21.7	22.0	22.2	22.4	22.4	22.0	22.2	22.2	22.4	22.4	22.4	22.5	22.7	22.6
Machinery (excl. electrical)	....	14.8	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.6	15.9	15.9	16.1	16.4	16.3	16.2	16.5
Electrical, electronic equip.	....	21.8	22.0	22.0	22.3	22.3	22.5	22.9	22.9	23.2	23.3	23.4	23.3	23.3	23.5
Transportation	22.6	21.5	22.0	22.6	22.7	22.4	22.5	22.6	22.9	23.3	23.4	23.9	23.9	24.1	24.2
Other durable goods	16.0	17.2	17.8	17.9	18.2	18.1	17.9	17.5	17.7	18.0	17.9	18.0	17.1	17.1	17.0
Nondurable goods	178.8	180.6	184.4	184.1	183.7	183.4	182.7	182.3	181.2	184.1	184.3	185.3	178.4	183.1	177.7
Food	26.5	26.9	27.4	27.5	27.2	27.1	26.9	26.5	26.5	26.7	26.8	27.3	27.3	27.4	27.4
Textile mill products	38.8	39.1	40.2	40.3	40.3	40.4	40.4	40.3	40.4	40.4	40.2	39.8	38.0	39.3	37.3
Apparel	53.0	54.3	56.0	55.5	55.4	55.1	54.4	54.7	53.6	55.7	56.2	56.2	50.9	54.3	51.4
Paper and allied products	21.0	21.4	21.5	21.4	21.4	21.3	21.3	21.1	20.8	21.2	21.0	21.5	21.6	21.4	21.1
Printing and publishing	10.2	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.8	10.7	10.7	10.6	10.7	10.6
Chemicals and allied products	13.1	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.9
Rubber products	13.8	14.6	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.1	15.1	15.2	15.3	15.3	15.4	15.7	15.9	15.9	15.8
Other nondurable goods	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2
Nonmanufacturing	974.7	980.1	981.0	988.8	990.3	993.2	979.8	985.0	986.4	994.6	997.0	1,005.8	1,002.9	1,001.7	1,002.2
Mining and quarrying	16.2	13.6	12.9	13.3	13.6	13.5	13.1	13.8	13.7	13.9	14.0	14.2	14.2	14.3	14.4
Bituminous coal mining	12.1	10.3	9.7	10.1	10.4	9.5	9.1	9.8	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1
Contract construction	56.8	59.4	62.7	62.6	63.0	62.4	60.1	60.7	60.4	62.6	63.3	66.1	66.7	66.6	67.1
Trans., comm., and utilities	71.1	69.7	70.7	71.3	70.9	71.1	70.6	71.3	71.6	71.4	71.9	72.7	72.0	72.5	71.9
Trade	267.4	271.0	273.7	275.5	278.0	282.1	273.9	272.9	274.1	277.5	278.8	280.9	281.8	284.9	285.8
Wholesale	70.0	69.7	70.4	70.6	70.8	70.7	70.8	71.2	71.3	71.6	71.7	71.6	72.1	72.1	72.0
Retail	197.4	201.3	203.3	204.9	207.2	211.4	203.1	201.7	202.8	205.9	207.1	209.3	209.7	212.8	213.8
Finance, insurance, real estate	58.8	59.4	59.8	59.6	59.6	59.6	59.8	60.0	60.3	60.6	61.1	61.7	62.2	62.1	62.0
Service and miscellaneous	214.4	217.8	219.7	219.6	218.6	218.3	216.3	218.3	219.2	220.4	220.0	219.3	218.5	218.5	218.4
Government	290.1	289.2	281.5	286.9	286.6	286.2	286.0	288.0	287.1	288.2	287.9	290.9	287.5	282.8	282.6
Federal	65.1	64.6	64.9	64.3	64.1	64.0	63.9	63.7	63.6	63.9	64.2	64.6	64.8	65.1	65.1
State and local	224.9	224.6	216.6	222.6	222.5	222.2	222.1	224.3	223.5	224.3	223.7	226.3	222.7	217.7	217.5

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983				1984								
	1982	1983	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	176,752	207,309	17,884	14,485	14,784	11,998	17,938	16,014	16,084	14,672	17,512	18,528	20,564	20,649	16,081
Nonagricultural placements	66,900	91,100	7,499	7,117	6,071	5,114	5,741	5,509	6,477	7,082	7,314	9,582	14,871	14,203	7,719
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	632,290	428,181	24,506	27,873	28,728	35,738	75,004	29,677	28,150	24,214	25,009	23,457	50,560	37,376	29,346
Payments *($1,000)*	233,984	191,868	13,556	11,656	12,540	13,999	18,452	15,901	15,566	11,949	13,048	12,192	13,536	15,564	12,258
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,080	15,780	15,610	15,710	15,680	15,460	15,530	15,420	15,460	15,600	15,560	15,670	15,570	15,590	15,730
	15.0	14.1	11.8	11.6	11.7	10.8	12.7	11.3	10.5	9.7	8.9	8.8	9.1	8.6	9.4
Baldwin	33,390	33,830	33,640	33,970	33,950	33,760	34,310	34,670	34,600	34,300	33,850	34,510	35,050	34,450	36,760
	12.1	12.3	11.3	11.0	11.3	11.8	14.0	13.7	12.6	10.3	8.8	9.0	10.5	9.4	15.4
Barbour	11,510	11,980	12,040	12,090	11,800	11,520	11,610	11,660	11,580	11,920	12,030	12,040	12,010	11,990	12,150
	16.2	13.1	11.1	10.9	10.9	10.8	13.0	12.2	10.2	9.6	9.1	9.6	10.8	10.1	11.3
Bibb	5,670	5,940	5,820	5,770	5,770	5,690	6,040	5,790	5,990	5,920	5,950	6,000	5,950	5,940	5,870
	22.8	19.6	17.9	15.0	15.4	18.0	25.3	20.0	19.6	19.1	16.8	15.1	15.6	18.2	15.5
Blount	14,050	13,520	13,510	13,730	13,130	12,890	12,870	13,020	13,200	13,290	13,360	13,370	13,390	13,440	13,670
	19.9	18.1	15.2	14.2	14.7	14.0	17.1	16.8	21.0	13.6	11.6	11.7	13.0	11.5	10.8
Bullock	4,480	4,530	4,770	4,820	4,660	4,410	4,230	4,250	4,250	4,390	4,510	4,590	4,600	4,880	4,710
	18.3	17.2	15.0	14.3	14.9	15.2	16.1	14.1	13.3	11.6	11.0	14.5	17.5	20.9	14.7
Butler	9,960	9,900	9,910	10,250	9,940	9,720	9,900	9,770	9,810	9,830	9,900	9,960	10,020	9,960	10,140
	20.3	17.3	14.0	15.2	13.3	12.0	16.7	15.5	15.1	13.2	12.6	13.9	15.2	14.7	13.2
Calhoun	45,620	46,560	46,350	46,850	46,310	46,520	47,170	47,220	47,470	47,820	47,820	48,380	49,370	49,050	48,290
	15.1	13.1	10.9	11.5	10.8	11.3	12.9	12.2	11.7	10.0	9.5	9.9	13.2	11.4	10.2
Chambers	16,280	16,920	16,790	17,070	16,880	16,760	16,760	16,850	16,950	17,050	17,160	17,220	17,280	16,960	16,780
	11.3	9.8	7.8	8.7	8.3	7.8	8.8	9.3	8.8	8.9	9.9	10.1	11.1	9.3	8.6
Cherokee	11,390	11,400	11,600	11,770	11,430	10,860	11,090	11,110	11,120	11,680	11,640	11,040	11,590	12,080	12,260
	14.8	15.4	9.7	13.4	10.2	11.1	14.5	17.4	20.8	11.3	11.2	18.8	18.5	8.9	8.5
Chilton	13,450	15,420	15,580	15,820	15,640	15,360	15,490	15,540	15,650	15,710	15,880	16,060	15,930	15,940	15,850
	15.6	13.3	10.9	10.3	10.7	10.5	12.7	11.7	11.7	11.1	10.4	10.7	11.6	11.6	10.8
Choctaw	5,280	5,560	5,430	5,510	5,440	5,500	5,610	5,650	5,660	5,650	5,670	5,530	5,790	5,630	5,960
	15.3	15.2	12.9	12.6	11.4	12.8	15.2	16.1	15.9	13.8	14.7	13.8	18.4	14.6	22.6
Clarke	10,450	10,810	10,580	10,620	10,580	10,560	10,870	10,680	10,780	10,640	10,650	10,720	10,970	10,700	10,920
	15.9	16.2	13.4	13.2	13.6	13.8	15.9	14.9	13.8	12.7	12.7	12.8	15.2	13.3	20.1
Clay	7,400	7,520	7,590	7,690	7,670	7,510	7,650	7,670	7,840	7,950	7,930	7,890	7,860	7,950	7,980
	13.5	13.8	11.8	11.3	11.3	10.7	12.3	11.8	10.8	9.8	10.3	10.7	11.2	11.3	10.1
Cleburne	5,080	5,210	5,290	5,280	5,190	5,160	5,090	5,100	5,130	5,150	5,120	5,280	5,500	5,190	5,200
	14.5	12.5	10.0	9.6	9.7	9.7	11.2	10.9	10.8	8.7	8.4	9.9	14.0	9.8	8.0
Coffee	19,410	20,040	20,440	20,340	20,020	19,700	19,430	20,030	20,030	20,120	20,240	20,160	20,180	20,050	20,150
	11.8	10.8	8.8	8.5	8.9	9.6	10.2	10.5	9.8	8.1	8.2	8.2	9.0	8.2	8.4
Colbert	23,620	24,050	23,600	23,710	23,500	23,520	23,760	24,310	24,140	24,310	23,880	24,060	24,020	23,910	23,820
	19.0	18.5	16.4	15.8	15.3	15.5	19.0	20.1	18.3	17.8	16.0	16.2	17.1	15.8	15.6
Conecuh	6,820	7,010	7,100	7,060	6,970	7,120	7,050	7,010	7,130	7,260	7,370	7,360	7,280	7,160	7,800
	13.9	12.7	12.6	11.7	12.3	13.7	13.7	14.1	12.6	11.1	10.0	10.6	11.5	9.7	14.8
Coosa	5,630	5,570	5,590	5,610	5,600	5,520	5,510	5,520	5,460	5,610	5,580	5,500	5,540	5,620	5,770
	10.8	10.3	8.1	7.7	8.2	7.8	9.0	8.8	7.8	7.5	6.5	7.9	7.8	8.4	8.9
Covington	15,630	16,340	16,590	16,580	16,500	16,160	16,280	16,570	16,360	16,370	16,370	16,310	16,290	16,380	16,150
	13.5	12.3	10.9	10.3	11.1	11.3	12.8	13.4	11.6	10.1	9.0	9.2	10.8	9.7	8.2
Crenshaw	6,830	7,220	7,570	7,640	7,250	6,820	6,750	6,810	6,920	7,170	7,440	7,220	7,100	7,210	7,700
	13.8	12.1	9.9	8.6	8.3	8.6	12.5	11.9	12.7	10.3	10.6	10.0	11.0	10.1	16.9
Cullman	27,400	28,710	29,050	29,480	28,830	28,050	28,430	28,700	29,070	29,160	29,300	29,220	29,070	29,740	29,700
	17.2	14.7	11.9	11.1	10.9	10.7	14.2	14.6	12.9	10.6	9.6	10.1	11.1	12.3	9.6
Dale	12,410	12,980	12,760	13,110	12,890	12,630	12,760	12,780	12,980	12,980	13,080	13,040	13,180	13,010	13,130
	13.1	13.7	11.6	11.8	12.1	11.5	12.8	13.3	13.7	11.4	11.0	11.0	13.4	11.1	10.4
Dallas	23,870	23,640	23,440	23,540	23,370	22,910	23,360	23,400	23,260	23,480	23,220	23,700	23,780	23,920	23,810
	17.3	17.5	15.5	15.2	15.3	14.7	17.0	16.6	15.6	15.5	14.3	15.2	16.5	17.2	16.2
DeKalb	28,460	29,950	30,100	30,200	29,530	28,890	29,440	29,310	29,580	30,100	30,290	30,670	31,270	30,900	30,300
	13.4	13.8	12.1	13.0	12.3	11.6	14.5	12.7	12.0	10.8	10.1	10.6	11.4	9.9	10.1
Elmore	19,880	20,770	20,680	20,780	20,570	20,250	20,170	20,220	20,390	20,570	20,670	20,860	20,700	20,720	20,750
	13.3	12.2	10.4	10.1	9.5	8.4	9.6	9.1	8.8	8.0	7.7	7.8	8.0	7.5	7.6
Escambia	16,470	17,430	17,340	17,360	17,410	17,440	17,560	17,610	17,420	17,610	17,680	17,770	17,660	17,520	18,040
	13.2	12.6	11.3	11.3	12.1	12.6	14.3	13.5	11.8	11.3	11.3	10.8	11.4	10.6	17.8
Etowah	42,720	42,450	41,440	41,890	41,720	41,370	41,660	41,700	41,500	41,810	41,700	42,230	42,870	42,900	42,780
	20.5	17.5	14.0	14.0	14.2	13.5	15.8	15.3	14.3	13.4	11.7	11.6	13.6	13.3	13.3
Fayette	9,830	10,170	10,330	10,450	10,310	10,160	10,160	10,170	10,340	10,490	10,550	10,540	10,530	10,580	10,670
	11.4	11.7	10.7	9.6	9.4	9.7	10.5	9.7	9.9	8.9	8.1	8.7	9.8	10.3	9.0
Franklin	13,310	14,200	14,500	14,440	14,320	14,010	15,060	15,190	15,390	14,930	14,910	14,830	15,100	14,760	14,490
	18.4	18.2	15.9	15.5	16.6	16.6	25.7	23.0	22.1	18.3	17.2	15.9	21.6	17.9	16.6
Geneva	10,800	11,400	11,570	11,950	11,600	11,470	11,330	11,320	11,430	11,670	11,830	11,940	11,760	11,870	12,050
	11.4	10.5	8.5	8.3	8.3	9.4	10.2	9.4	8.9	8.4	7.7	7.5	9.8	7.3	6.8
Greene	4,560	4,610	4,560	4,590	4,480	4,420	4,610	4,700	4,640	4,780	4,730	4,680	4,690	4,720	4,870
	17.0	16.7	13.3	12.7	13.5	15.4	21.5	21.4	17.7	16.8	14.6	15.5	16.4	16.5	18.8
Hale	4,980	5,310	5,360	5,460	5,340	5,270	5,380	5,310	5,310	5,450	5,440	5,510	5,570	5,450	5,510
	20.7	16.6	13.0	12.8	14.8	18.2	22.6	19.6	17.9	16.8	15.0	16.3	21.2	17.8	17.2
Henry	7,010	7,260	7,480	7,670	7,410	7,140	7,020	7,100	7,050	7,390	7,540	7,350	7,240	7,310	7,630
	12.2	11.2	10.0	9.1	9.3	9.4	11.5	10.2	8.6	8.4	8.3	8.8	10.6	9.9	9.8
Houston	39,040	40,070	40,720	41,050	40,160	39,630	39,610	39,840	40,080	40,770	41,060	41,290	41,010	40,490	41,130
	10.0	10.8	10.0	9.7	9.4	9.2	10.4	9.4	8.9	8.6	8.7	8.7	10.3	8.3	8.5
Jackson	21,080	20,800	20,690	20,980	20,320	19,980	19,810	19,930	19,660	19,640	19,440	19,200	19,940	19,140	19,030
	20.4	22.0	18.8	19.5	19.0	20.7	22.0	21.8	19.3	16.4	14.5	15.7	22.0	16.1	14.5
Jefferson	306,120	310,270	308,350	307,640	305,340	303,270	306,020	305,750	308,780	310,420	309,110	313,030	313,360	309,560	308,870
	13.8	12.8	11.6	10.8	10.7	10.1	11.6	10.7	10.9	9.9	9.2	9.4	9.8	9.5	9.1
Lamar	8,330	8,820	8,780	8,960	8,900	8,730	8,830	8,940	8,980	9,100	9,060	9,270	9,180	9,090	9,090
	13.5	9.8	8.2	7.9	8.4	7.3	8.9	8.2	7.5	7.5	7.2	8.6	9.2	7.7	7.4
Lauderdale	34,260	34,810	34,370	34,610	34,220	34,350	34,800	35,380	35,280	34,890	34,530	34,910	35,120	35,040	34,750
	17.5	16.9	15.2	14.8	14.0	14.5	18.3	18.8	17.4	15.4	14.2	14.7	16.2	15.1	14.6
Lawrence	14,310	14,490	13,910	13,990	13,680	13,380	13,650	13,720	13,660	13,870	13,880	13,730	13,790	13,520	13,520
	18.9	18.7	16.2	15.7	16.0	16.9	19.1	18.9	16.8	16.3	15.5	14.4	15.3	13.8	13.6
Lee	34,330	36,140	36,370	37,120	36,770	35,890	36,440	36,770	36,650	37,140	37,420	37,650	36,470	36,560	36,460
	9.4	8.4	7.2	6.9	6.5	6.0	7.3	7.2	6.4	6.6	6.2	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.2
Limestone	22,840	23,940	24,200	24,180	24,040	23,780	24,290	24,430	24,300	24,780	24,770	24,940	24,900	25,340	25,300
	13.6	11.0	9.0	8.6	9.0	8.5	11.2	11.1	9.7	9.6	8.5	8.5	9.0	9.3	8.3
Lowndes	4,960	5,320	5,490	5,560	5,420	5,290	5,260	5,270	5,180	5,390	5,360	5,300	5,290	5,340	5,380
	19.2	17.6	16.0	16.0	14.0	14.3	19.3	18.3	17.7	19.7	17.7	18.6	20.3	19.9	18.6
Macon	7,820	8,000	8,030	8,090	7,800	7,760	7,810	7,810	7,780	7,930	8,000	8,360	8,220	8,220	8,380
	14.9	13.5	11.4	11.2	11.1	11.4	12.7	11.9	10.6	10.5	9.6	13.9	14.3	14.2	11.5
Madison	94,570	100,410	102,490	103,030	102,090	100,970	102,220	102,160	104,170	104,170	104,860	105,950	104,940	106,220	106,590
	10.7	9.2	8.0	8.1	8.2	7.7	9.7	9.0	9.8	7.9	7.5	7.7	7.6	7.4	6.8
Marengo	9,690	9,920	9,790	9,660	9,790	9,640	9,860	9,800	9,970	9,960	9,960	10,260	10,430	10,120	10,570
	15.4	15.4	12.2	11.7	12.1	12.9	15.0	14.2	15.0	12.7	11.7	12.7	15.6	12.2	20.0
Marion	13,300	13,760	13,490	13,500	13,580	13,250	13,550	13,490	13,490	13,420	13,320	13,390	13,490	13,480	13,380
	18.3	19.4	16.2	16.1	17.7	15.6	18.6	17.6	16.4	14.2	12.3	11.6	13.9	15.3	14.4
Marshall	33,020	34,920	35,200	35,260	35,020	34,960	35,930	36,000	35,470	35,910	35,770	36,400	38,390	36,520	36,890
	14.8	13.0	10.8	10.6	10.9	11.2	14.4	14.0	11.8	11.0	9.6	10.5	15.8	10.3	10.3
Mobile	158,750	163,820	163,240	163,950	161,260	158,890	163,040	163,710	164,260	164,740	164,340	167,090	167,440	166,180	164,300
	14.0	15.9	15.1	14.3	13.3	12.9	15.9	15.1	14.5	13.3	12.8	12.7	12.9	12.7	12.1

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Type of Activity	Annual		1983				1984								
	1982	1983	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	10,360	10,770	10,820	10,950	10,980	10,900	10,940	10,950	10,900	11,010	10,840	11,060	11,020	11,050	12,640
	14.2	12.6	10.9	11.7	12.6	12.4	15.6	14.9	13.4	12.6	10.1	12.5	12.7	12.1	32.8
Montgomery	88,090	92,650	93,230	94,230	93,970	92,810	92,730	93,380	93,460	94,480	94,540	96,350	95,770	95,700	95,070
	11.1	10.6	9.8	10.0	10.0	9.3	10.7	10.6	9.6	9.0	8.4	9.4	9.7	9.0	8.4
Morgan	37,450	37,990	37,970	37,960	37,520	37,080	37,630	37,490	37,810	38,060	38,070	38,590	38,390	37,870	38,010
	16.1	14.5	13.0	12.8	12.4	11.9	14.5	13.6	13.7	12.4	11.6	12.0	12.5	11.5	11.6
Perry	5,690	5,860	5,910	5,950	5,870	5,780	5,840	5,690	5,660	5,730	5,780	5,910	5,860	5,900	5,930
	15.7	14.8	11.6	11.2	15.7	19.2	22.4	15.1	12.1	10.8	10.0	10.4	12.5	12.2	11.1
Pickens	7,550	7,630	7,590	7,650	7,510	7,600	7,500	7,540	7,450	7,590	7,730	7,790	7,700	7,670	7,620
	19.7	17.7	14.4	14.2	13.3	16.3	17.9	17.3	15.8	15.2	16.4	15.2	15.7	15.3	13.2
Pike	13,260	13,770	13,710	14,370	13,890	12,960	13,360	13,420	13,590	13,680	13,870	13,890	13,620	13,500	13,520
	13.4	13.7	11.9	10.6	10.8	11.9	12.0	11.8	12.0	9.6	8.9	9.9	10.6	10.5	10.4
Randolph	9,710	9,170	8,880	9,310	9,050	8,950	8,890	8,830	8,780	8,820	8,880	8,650	9,240	8,830	8,780
	21.7	17.8	12.7	12.1	12.7	13.8	18.0	16.2	15.9	13.1	12.9	14.0	22.0	16.9	15.5
Russell	17,990	18,320	18,080	18,230	18,190	18,210	19,480	18,890	18,560	18,790	18,930	20,370	19,660	19,290	19,050
	16.7	13.7	11.7	11.6	11.2	11.5	17.9	14.3	12.1	11.8	11.9	17.0	13.7	11.1	11.0
St. Clair	18,980	19,350	19,090	19,070	19,100	19,280	19,310	19,470	19,030	19,280	19,110	19,330	19,280	19,210	19,660
	14.7	14.2	12.4	11.7	12.4	13.2	14.0	13.9	11.3	10.9	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.5	12.3
Shelby	29,940	30,510	30,380	30,570	30,230	30,220	30,890	30,650	30,300	30,740	30,910	31,490	31,510	30,920	30,580
	13.0	12.4	11.4	11.4	10.9	10.9	13.6	12.1	10.3	10.1	10.3	11.0	11.4	10.5	9.4
Sumter	6,810	6,990	6,900	7,100	7,110	6,850	7,060	7,040	7,170	7,220	7,180	7,360	7,330	7,300	7,340
	17.7	14.3	10.6	11.1	11.8	9.9	12.2	11.1	12.0	13.3	10.1	13.2	13.5	12.7	10.9
Talladega	30,840	32,030	32,240	32,440	31,670	31,300	31,730	31,670	31,920	32,210	31,900	32,680	32,130	32,380	33,090
	19.2	17.1	14.8	14.2	13.5	13.0	15.0	14.6	14.7	14.5	13.5	15.1	15.0	16.2	20.1
Tallapoosa	16,900	16,580	16,510	16,660	16,560	16,620	16,850	16,970	17,080	17,220	17,160	17,620	17,500	17,620	17,160
	13.5	12.2	9.8	10.3	9.6	9.9	10.6	10.2	9.8	8.7	8.0	9.3	9.7	10.3	8.9
Tuscaloosa	55,530	56,520	55,900	56,800	56,540	56,400	56,910	57,500	58,020	58,090	58,180	57,710	57,230	57,660	58,130
	12.6	12.5	10.9	10.9	10.5	10.3	11.8	11.2	11.1	9.7	10.3	10.1	10.3	10.2	9.0
Walker	31,760	32,980	32,630	33,300	32,910	33,020	33,440	33,350	33,330	32,570	32,520	32,570	32,700	32,390	32,350
	15.0	16.1	14.6	15.7	15.2	15.6	17.3	16.3	15.5	12.1	11.7	10.9	11.6	11.5	11.3
Washington	6,200	6,380	6,530	6,500	6,340	6,210	6,330	6,400	6,550	6,510	6,770	6,610	6,770	6,540	6,880
	16.9	20.0	17.5	16.4	15.8	15.7	17.8	18.1	18.0	16.1	18.5	17.2	21.6	18.3	20.8
Wilcox	6,380	5,860	5,590	5,680	5,490	5,320	5,340	5,380	5,230	5,340	5,410	5,420	5,360	5,300	5,300
	18.7	20.3	18.3	18.1	17.6	17.1	18.8	18.0	17.2	16.1	16.0	16.6	18.0	16.4	15.5
Winston	8,480	9,150	9,170	9,290	9,170	8,960	9,570	9,850	9,450	9,450	9,500	9,400	9,310	9,260	9,300
	22.5	18.6	14.8	15.3	16.2	16.5	23.4	25.8	20.0	17.9	18.4	16.2	17.4	17.5	17.0
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	551,093	643,182	22,392	85,365	50,213	46,894	51,145	40,064	53,684	72,261	83,186	44,217	90,034	54,364	68,859
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	8,142	6,288	430	826	757	423	583	508	232	718	905	769	988	1,019	1,032
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	1,222,158	788,611	51,981	64,610	81,993	64,282	69,760	39,449	46,631	32,516	60,111	47,488	31,808	44,217	42,139
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	14,577	9,496	524	547	546	868	1,731	1,283	1,667	2,096	1,930	1,915	1,292	2,293	1,719
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[8] *(1,000 tons)*	39,655	34,916	2,812	2,948	3,118	2,653	3,017	2,522	3,015	3,110	3,266	3,413	3,307	3,549	3,362
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	22,680	23,017	2,547	1,798	1,588	1,884	2,494	2,093	1,793	1,604	1,607	1,968	2,445	2,384	2,339
Gasoline sales[9] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,840,396	1,861,406	153,217	153,174	148,354	168,460	150,958	141,858	162,105	162,606	162,470	161,968	163,798	168,845	150,779
New passenger car registrations[10] *(number)*	100,717	122,393	11,288	10,378	10,295	11,751	10,453	11,116	11,051	11,616	13,890	12,648	12,806	12,579	10,981
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[11] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	....	....	....	....	....	....	288	281	305	305	301	303	312	292	308
General stores with food and gas	....	....	....	....	....	....	13	12	14	15	15	16	15	15	14
General merchandise	....	....	....	....	....	....	157	144	176	191	191	196	176	190	179
Apparel	....	....	....	....	....	....	35	34	46	52	45	47	41	48	43
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	....	....	....	....	....	....	41	40	44	43	44	45	46	45	42
Automotive	....	....	....	....	....	....	211	234	275	259	281	288	268	280	237
Gasoline service stations	....	....	....	....	....	....	22	22	25	25	26	26	26	26	23
Lumber and building materials	....	....	....	....	....	....	55	61	73	77	81	82	79	80	78
Hardware and farm implements	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	29	37	39	40	40	37	38	36
Eating places	....	....	....	....	....	....	95	97	112	102	104	106	111	115	105
Drug stores	....	....	....	....	....	....	22	21	21	21	24	25	19	21	20
All other retail	....	....	....	....	....	....	153	156	173	175	176	181	168	182	171
Total sales by retail concerns	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,113	1,130	1,302	1,304	1,329	1,354	1,299	1,332	1,256
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	....	....	....	....	....	....	190	187	213	216	228	227	217	227	230
Total all sales at retail	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,304	1,318	1,516	1,520	1,557	1,581	1,516	1,559	1,486
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[11] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	....	....	....	....	....	....	36,218	36,364	42,586	42,243	43,081	43,669	41,868	42,602	41,124
Birmingham	....	....	....	....	....	....	347,386	363,490	421,258	417,065	429,458	433,730	416,412	438,937	418,675
Dothan	....	....	....	....	....	....	43,786	47,674	53,482	52,859	55,999	57,201	53,756	54,241	49,857
Florence	....	....	....	....	....	....	42,222	43,478	50,265	51,026	51,570	52,256	50,824	51,928	48,545
Gadsden	....	....	....	....	....	....	32,540	32,361	37,607	38,361	38,946	39,480	41,686	40,722	36,766
Huntsville	....	....	....	....	....	....	74,343	77,028	85,494	85,653	87,982	88,958	86,240	89,472	83,710
Mobile	....	....	....	....	....	....	149,187	150,641	173,136	177,406	179,575	185,800	178,791	168,223	165,969
Montgomery	....	....	....	....	....	....	99,258	102,831	116,567	117,030	122,654	124,701	119,509	121,529	116,396
Tuscaloosa	....	....	....	....	....	....	47,063	45,373	51,856	50,659	52,058	53,309	50,986	55,195	52,597
Counties															
Autauga	....	....	....	....	....	....	6,750	6,981	7,965	8,236	8,135	8,431	8,413	8,185	7,992
Baldwin	....	....	....	....	....	....	22,302	24,507	28,073	28,689	30,045	30,895	31,064	30,203	26,103
Barbour	....	....	....	....	....	....	4,943	4,784	5,878	5,893	6,202	6,334	6,182	6,575	5,416
Bibb	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,797	2,970	3,282	3,314	3,674	3,711	3,266	3,619	3,218
Blount	....	....	....	....	....	....	6,051	6,128	6,974	7,144	7,739	7,913	7,425	8,027	7,264
Bullock	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,107	2,142	2,143	2,123	1,977	2,001	2,013	2,076	2,146
Butler	....	....	....	....	....	....	5,521	4,604	5,446	5,552	5,363	5,472	5,660	5,666	5,510
Calhoun	....	....	....	....	....	....	36,218	36,364	42,586	42,243	43,081	43,669	41,868	42,602	41,124
Chambers	....	....	....	....	....	....	8,075	7,885	9,214	9,078	9,382	8,912	8,890	8,786	8,389
Cherokee	....	....	....	....	....	....	3,446	3,634	3,913	4,128	4,340	4,421	3,847	4,137	3,816
Chilton	....	....	....	....	....	....	6,947	7,004	8,129	8,266	8,492	8,630	7,996	8,420	7,704
Choctaw	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,995	2,759	3,203	3,039	2,922	3,006	3,092	3,167	2,666
Clarke	....	....	....	....	....	....	6,232	7,229	8,280	8,615	7,847	7,955	7,631	7,935	8,092
Clay	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,884	1,877	2,294	2,220	2,239	2,285	2,162	2,254	2,162
Cleburne	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,686	1,611	1,937	1,951	1,986	2,000	2,091	1,897	1,537
Coffee	....	....	....	....	....	....	13,469	14,295	16,957	16,213	16,486	16,268	14,943	15,227	14,005

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983				1984								
	1982	1983	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	....	....	....	....	....	....	17,564	18,128	20,907	21,049	21,732	22,013	21,420	21,491	19,688
Conecuh	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,505	2,723	3,441	3,132	3,069	3,034	2,968	2,829	4,221
Coosa	....	....	....	....	....	....	619	525	723	714	700	671	753	807	777
Covington	....	....	....	....	....	....	9,580	10,588	12,103	11,547	11,608	11,815	11,212	11,610	10,363
Crenshaw	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,377	2,302	2,509	2,537	2,529	2,574	2,449	2,333	2,147
Cullman	....	....	....	....	....	....	15,925	16,817	19,756	19,999	20,181	20,928	19,954	19,828	18,948
Dale	....	....	....	....	....	....	7,035	7,619	8,766	8,492	8,847	8,984	8,926	8,595	8,585
Dallas	....	....	....	....	....	....	14,219	14,086	16,687	16,507	17,213	17,300	16,132	16,223	15,271
DeKalb	....	....	....	....	....	....	13,348	13,021	13,813	14,701	15,505	15,828	14,949	15,452	14,770
Elmore	....	....	....	....	....	....	7,196	7,516	8,428	8,221	8,865	9,042	8,613	8,963	8,622
Escambia	....	....	....	....	....	....	9,860	10,622	12,089	12,450	11,746	11,904	11,377	11,495	11,074
Etowah	....	....	....	....	....	....	32,540	32,361	37,607	38,361	38,946	39,480	41,686	40,722	36,766
Fayette	....	....	....	....	....	....	4,728	4,969	5,815	5,400	5,682	5,751	4,955	5,271	5,696
Franklin	....	....	....	....	....	....	6,715	7,347	8,516	8,423	8,434	8,631	8,130	8,482	8,139
Geneva	....	....	....	....	....	....	10,841	11,558	11,995	12,075	12,455	12,502	11,637	11,831	11,697
Greene	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,270	1,281	1,564	1,492	1,614	1,635	2,058	1,579	1,328
Hale	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,239	2,395	2,767	2,573	2,805	2,850	2,525	2,765	2,553
Henry	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,323	2,464	3,030	3,011	2,956	3,011	2,946	2,984	3,210
Houston	....	....	....	....	....	....	36,751	40,055	44,716	44,367	47,152	48,217	44,830	45,646	41,272
Jackson	....	....	....	....	....	....	9,259	9,452	10,927	10,913	11,321	11,633	11,226	12,604	10,930
Jefferson	....	....	....	....	....	....	294,780	309,863	360,052	355,168	362,856	366,383	352,510	372,524	357,578
Lamar	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,691	2,901	3,797	3,127	3,428	3,462	3,118	3,063	2,825
Lauderdale	....	....	....	....	....	....	24,658	25,350	29,358	29,977	29,838	30,243	29,404	30,437	28,857
Lawrence	....	....	....	....	....	....	3,647	3,475	4,135	4,216	4,585	4,664	4,098	4,413	4,179
Lee	....	....	....	....	....	....	24,947	24,852	28,202	28,136	29,204	29,581	27,992	28,966	29,850
Limestone	....	....	....	....	....	....	11,168	11,418	13,548	13,572	14,077	14,358	13,104	13,821	13,334
Lowndes	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,280	1,215	1,337	1,380	1,462	1,480	1,333	1,355	1,338
Macon	....	....	....	....	....	....	3,851	3,179	3,476	3,651	3,754	3,835	3,760	4,249	3,921
Madison	....	....	....	....	....	....	74,343	77,028	85,494	85,653	87,982	88,958	86,240	89,472	83,710
Marengo	....	....	....	....	....	....	5,549	5,112	5,667	5,439	5,510	5,626	5,220	5,594	5,231
Marion	....	....	....	....	....	....	6,860	7,017	8,213	7,471	7,916	8,112	7,776	7,960	7,549
Marshall	....	....	....	....	....	....	22,754	23,968	27,928	28,111	29,288	29,747	28,104	29,445	27,208
Mobile	....	....	....	....	....	....	126,885	126,134	145,063	148,717	149,530	154,905	147,727	138,020	139,866
Monroe	....	....	....	....	....	....	6,164	6,518	8,373	7,656	7,711	7,943	7,712	9,941	8,575
Montgomery	....	....	....	....	....	....	85,312	88,334	100,174	100,573	105,654	107,228	102,483	104,381	99,782
Morgan	....	....	....	....	....	....	30,390	31,377	36,643	37,601	38,520	39,120	36,354	38,595	36,308
Perry	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,631	1,870	2,145	2,028	2,148	2,168	2,091	2,305	2,362
Pickens	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,964	2,925	3,487	3,624	3,638	3,686	3,445	3,553	3,283
Pike	....	....	....	....	....	....	6,442	6,699	7,666	7,344	7,524	7,471	7,108	7,843	7,312
Randolph	....	....	....	....	....	....	5,135	4,639	4,898	4,441	4,784	4,858	4,642	4,409	4,620
Russell	....	....	....	....	....	....	8,176	8,980	10,008	9,961	10,376	10,403	10,367	10,704	9,466
St. Clair	....	....	....	....	....	....	8,317	9,182	10,380	9,984	10,751	10,935	10,078	10,201	10,025
Shelby	....	....	....	....	....	....	17,848	17,886	21,005	20,782	22,707	22,932	21,878	23,094	20,052
Sumter	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,342	2,163	2,866	2,444	2,410	2,508	2,528	2,531	2,357
Talladega	....	....	....	....	....	....	17,279	17,186	19,187	20,290	22,797	21,288	20,182	19,461	18,196
Tallapoosa	....	....	....	....	....	....	9,468	9,637	10,653	11,074	11,406	11,589	10,625	10,306	9,533
Tuscaloosa	....	....	....	....	....	....	47,063	45,373	51,856	50,659	52,058	53,309	50,986	55,195	52,597
Walker	....	....	....	....	....	....	20,390	20,431	22,847	23,987	25,405	25,567	24,521	25,091	23,756
Washington	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,575	1,619	1,720	1,825	1,931	1,968	1,691	2,001	1,754
Wilcox	....	....	....	....	....	....	2,385	2,092	2,419	2,249	2,406	2,466	2,352	2,296	2,178
Winston	....	....	....	....	....	....	4,972	5,188	6,009	6,159	6,431	6,437	5,726	5,895	5,871
Statewide[11]	....	....	....	....	....	....	84,042	63,297	74,532	79,815	75,441	77,908	76,019	81,501	79,148
BUILDING PERMITS[12]															
Alabama															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	712,696	1,079,085	96,165	86,676	162,881	76,349	65,449	75,497	99,328	193,079	97,366	115,116	99,776	147,117	80,497
Residential	237,082	449,881	34,835	43,819	42,063	27,533	24,927	38,376	39,447	46,811	38,102	43,568	36,909	42,389	33,332
Nonresidential	300,343	366,127	29,816	19,695	95,659	33,868	22,711	21,524	32,351	130,709	42,724	53,582	44,597	79,263	27,171
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	5,965	8,848	794	818	718	693	595	644	790	788	915	842	833	749	694
Residential	2,700	3,593	263	268	261	231	247	255	317	317	408	324	322	317	248
Nonresidential	442	932	106	109	101	81	75	93	126	113	117	139	104	92	90
Birmingham															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	109,048	213,343	30,767	9,844	83,104	6,605	5,689	4,413	8,945	7,619	5,562	8,258	8,169	14,214	10,005
Residential	13,918	31,921	2,529	4,275	904	885	1,100	1,574	2,100	2,551	814	1,299	763	1,285	1,271
Nonresidential	61,839	108,370	12,498	767	70,397	526	985	530	1,071	90	768	2,963	2,369	1,967	3,606
Decatur															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	8,551	14,095	1,424	1,278	1,004	789	912	1,111	1,075	1,106	1,520	1,342	1,909	2,170	1,767
Residential	2,937	7,340	995	862	663	267	673	845	739	739	1,096	925	1,080	1,357	1,053
Nonresidential	3,812	2,156	156	140	116	32	73	81	115	139	172	171	355	429	318
Dothan															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	28,821	18,943	700	3,402	2,191	2,952	1,075	1,064	1,568	1,353	1,326	1,514	901	1,599	1,344
Residential	5,626	7,760	316	2,412	805	351	444	631	685	695	448	759	182	226	370
Nonresidential	9,720	6,339	40	367	1,127	2,146	457	100	452	518	238	257	125	641	666
Gadsden															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	10,429	13,596	549	550	1,389	1,189	656	530	214	565	1,351	865	166	260	886
Residential	1,517	2,006	224	329	75	61	110	57	92	347	976	219	26	74	46
Nonresidential	3,271	3,912	271	201	1,283	1,104	24	452	102	163	122	493	101	143	813
Huntsville															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	58,302	122,759	8,823	20,834	9,742	6,919	6,115	16,817	12,836	8,111	13,997	13,853	14,007	14,163	6,626
Residential	18,311	51,350	2,171	10,578	1,598	1,939	2,203	7,732	4,874	4,843	3,753	6,032	3,331	6,078	2,825
Nonresidential	14,238	45,128	5,166	3,320	5,238	3,809	2,270	5,358	7,169	2,413	8,366	5,970	9,394	6,045	3,339
Mobile															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	83,675	109,508	5,161	6,093	8,760	10,475	3,718	5,366	17,080	116,254	6,250	36,928	6,707	4,020	6,484
Residential	19,544	38,261	1,127	990	1,586	7,313	984	1,470	1,424	2,639	2,009	6,935	3,208	1,071	1,201
Nonresidential	43,701	49,663	1,465	2,188	5,173	2,058	1,419	2,488	4,160	112,221	3,331	28,665	2,127	1,153	3,886

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983				1984								
	1982	1983	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	52,352	76,984	6,315	6,326	5,764	5,127	14,164	5,100	6,477	6,330	6,994	7,007	8,192	8,070	7,254
Residential	15,363	32,619	2,081	2,108	2,278	1,874	2,436	2,131	2,462	2,509	2,493	2,528	3,504	3,361	2,991
Nonresidential	22,178	28,264	2,652	2,596	2,170	1,856	9,934	1,882	2,727	2,496	3,043	3,059	3,719	3,896	3,407
Quad-Cities[13]															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	18,563	12,978	1,250	852	1,360	609	2,642	1,410	4,666	2,443	4,910	1,260	2,227	1,799	2,246
Residential	7,481	6,391	623	428	874	166	480	754	1,298	700	792	323	633	721	533
Nonresidential	5,722	3,506	380	337	123	100	207	565	3,031	1,079	3,887	614	1,265	160	196
Selma															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	2,757	4,197	901	67	98	356	1,826	213	219	1,019	356	158	994	184	819
Residential	987	357	....	....	65	20	....	....	24	87	82	117	148	75	....
Nonresidential	1,739	798	18	30	1	....	3	133	36	717	35	....	7	....	617
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	21,418	30,159	3,777	1,814	1,809	613	1,505	2,647	3,328	1,804	4,323	4,183	1,719	2,805	2,463
Residential	6,592	14,849	1,378	396	717	407	1,032	1,163	2,097	988	2,153	1,284	737	1,634	1,356
Nonresidential	8,408	6,227	711	527	599	3	132	929	573	277	1,529	1,901	615	360	552

NOTE Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. [1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

[3] These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of F. W. Dodge Div., McGraw-Hill Information Co.

[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[11] Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

[12] Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

[13] Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

CBER Staff Appointments Announced

Two members of the Center for Business and Economic Research staff received promotions and a third resigned during January. Deborah Hamilton and Annette Watters were appointed as Assistant Directors. The appointments were made to fill the void left by the resignation of Edward P. Rutledge as Associate Director and Alabama State Data Center Manager.

In their new roles, Ms. Hamilton will be responsible for the maintenance and management of all computer-based resources and personnel, and Ms. Watters will be responsible for all reference services. Ms. Watters also was named Manager of the State Data Center. Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Watters, both serving CBER as Research Associates prior to their new appointments, combine fourteen years of professional staff service at the University of Alabama.

Rutledge, whose resignation came after eighteen years' service to the University, left to pursue career interests elsewhere.

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The Outlook for the Alabama Economy

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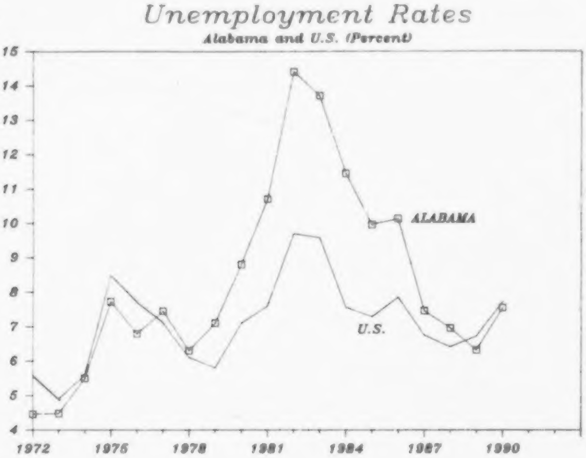
munications. Although declining substantially Alabama's unemployment rate is forecasted to remain above the U.S. jobless rate at least through 1988 as shown in Figure 3.

Figure 3



Personal Income

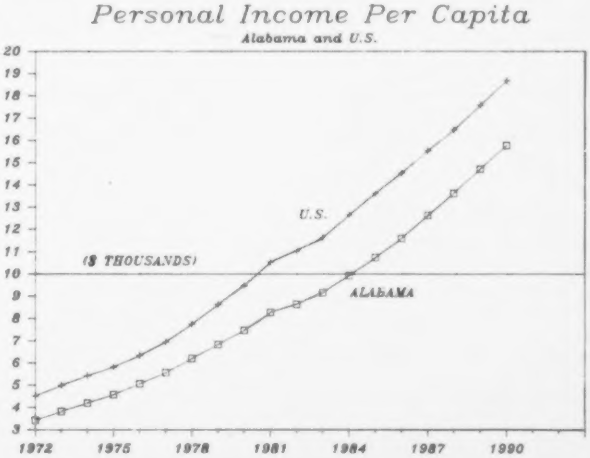
While Alabama experienced growth in per capita personal income during the 1970s, the rate of growth was below the U.S. average. In 1978, Alabama per capita personal income equalled 80 percent of the national average. In 1979, a period of decline in the ratio began which is not projected to bottom out until 1984, when Alabama per capita personal income is estimated to be 78.5 percent of the national figure. The 1978 per capita personal income ratio of 80.0 percent is not expected to be achieved again until 1986, when the ratio will equal 79.8 percent, according to the forecast. While the Alabama per capita personal income ratio is projected to steadily increase above 80 percent during 1987 through 1990 and approach 85 percent in 1990, it should remain below the national average. This is illustrated in figures 2 and 4.

During the period 1979 through 1983, personal income in Alabama sustained substantial growth in all categories except farm proprietors' income, which experienced a 10.4 percent decrease in comparison to a 32.2 percent decrease for the U.S. In all other income categories for which U.S. growth rates are available (nonfarm proprietors; other labor; dividend, interest; and transfer payments), Alabama experienced larger growth rates than the U.S. except in transfer payments, where Alabama sustained 59.7 percent growth in comparison to 61.3 percent for the United States.

Total personal income increased 40.6 percent and total disposable income increased 42 percent during 1979 through 1983. This accelerated growth trend is projected to continue throughout the forecast period 1984 through 1990, with total personal income projected to increase 67.8 percent.

By income categories, Alabama's growth is expected to range from 36.2 percent for farm proprietors to 93.0 percent for contributions for social insurance during 1984 through 1990. Within the income categories for which growth rates for the U.S. are available, Alabama is projected to remain slightly above the nation as a whole. Only in farm proprietors' income does Alabama present a significantly larger increase--36.2 percent in comparison to 13.3 percent for the U.S. Alabama per capita personal income and per capita disposable income are projected to increase 58.7 percent and 54.0 percent respectively during 1984 through 1990.

Figure 4



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Counting the Dollars: The Economic Censuses of 1982

By Steve Fowler

The economist may utilize any number of measures to help him determine the health and direction of the economy, such as Gross National Product, the money supply, and capital investment. But such measures have little meaning for the average man — or woman — on the street, who views the economy from a personal perspective. To this person, the health of the economy relates to how much of the monthly paycheck remains to buy goods and services after the landlord and the taxman have taken their doles.

One of the best gauges for this personal economy measure is the economic censuses. Once every five years the U.S. Census Bureau polls the nation's wholesalers, retailers, and service establishments, among others, to determine how many such businesses there are, how much business they are doing, and how many people they employ. The economic censuses are important for two reasons: first, they provide vital information not available elsewhere; and second, they provide a basis for reliable comparisons both across geographic boundaries and over time.

Results of the economic censuses conducted in 1982 recently became available for Alabama and the nation. The censuses reveal that spending by Alabamians in 1982 over 1977 was off the pace set by consumers nationally — that the "personal economy" of the average Alabamian was below that of the average American. Findings from the 1982 retail trade, wholesale trade, and services censuses for Alabama are summarized below.

Retail Trade

Final figures from the 1982 Census of Retail Trade show the South led all regions with a 59 percent increase in retail sales from 1977 to 1982. The West followed with a 55 percent increase while the Northeast was up 45 percent and the Midwest 32 percent. The national increase was 48 percent.

However, Alabama retailers failed to share in the South's general prosperity as their sales position fell from 22nd to 26th place. Retail store sales in Alabama climbed from $10.7 billion in 1977 to $14.5 billion in 1982, a rise of only 36 percent, according to the retail trade census. The 1982 figures represent per capita sales of $3,719 for Alabamians, which compares to approximately $4,700 for each American.

Among businesses with employees, Alabama's grocery stores had the highest sales at $3.5 billion, up 59 percent from 1977. New car dealers were second at $2.2 billion, up 8 percent, and department stores (including leased departments) were third at $1.3 billion, up 41 percent.

New car dealers had the highest sales per employee at $215,000 and used car dealers were next at $165,000. The lowest average was recorded by eating places, $21,000. Retail establishments with no employees had average sales of $63,000.

Alabama had 192,402 retail employees (including part-time) in March 1982, representing an increase of 7 percent from 1977. Eating places had the most workers with 48,422.

The distribution of retail sales by county generally follows the distribution of the population. Jefferson County led all counties in retail sales at $3.1 billion, an increase of 27 percent over 1977 sales. Mobile County, second in population, was second with retail sales of $1.6 billion, up 47 percent. These were followed by Montgomery, Madison, and Tuscaloosa counties. Retail sales within these five counties accounted for almost half (49.4 percent) of all Alabama retail sales in 1982, according to the report.

Wholesale Trade

Wholesalers in Alabama reported sales of $19.6 billion by 5,913 establishments in 1982, an increase of 38 percent since 1977, according to the 1982 Census of Wholesale Trade. Comparative figures for the nation showed a 57 percent increase.

The report contains statistics for 82 classifications of wholesalers and has separate data for merchant wholesalers, manufacturers' sales branches and offices, and agents and brokers who sell or buy goods for others. Sales of merchant wholesalers were $12.2 billion, 62 percent of the state total.

Sales of wholesalers of durable goods rose 18 percent over 1977; sales of those selling nondurables were up 61 percent. Petroleum bulk stations and terminals had the highest sales at $2.6 billion; general line grocery wholesalers were second at $1.5 billion; and metals service centers and offices were third at $1.3 billion.

Sales by merchant wholesalers averaged $214,000 for each employee, those by sales branches and offices averaged $728,000 per employee, and those by agents and brokers, $610,000.

Alabama had 67,829 employees (including part-time) in wholesale trade in March 1982, an increase of 7 percent from 1977.

The distribution of wholesale sales by county did not follow the population distribution as closely as did retail sales. Jefferson County led in wholesale trade with sales of $7.9 billion, up 22 percent from 1977. Mobile County was second at $2.2 billion, up 30 percent. Montgomery and Madison counties followed, but Calhoun County, the state's sixth most populous, was fifth in wholesale sales. Tuscaloosa County, fifth in population, was tenth in 1982 wholesale sales. The top five counties accounted for almost 69 percent of all Alabama wholesale sales in 1982.

Services

The 15,902 service businesses with employees in Alabama reported receipts of $4.3 billion in 1982, according to the Census of Service Industries. Comparable data from 1977 for the state are not available because of coding errors made in processing the Internal Revenue Service reports from which the data were taken.

At $766 million, physicians' offices had the highest receipts in 1982, up 89 percent from 1977. Engineering, architectural, and surveying services were second at $467 million, up 257 percent; and legal services were third at $293

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1983			1984									
	1982	1983	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production *(1,000 net tons)*	25,869	23,071	2,150	2,044	1,849	2,181	2,434	2,518	2,211	2,327	2,377	2,056	2,590	2,418	2,517
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	133,892	126,576	10,409	10,453	9,407	10,962	11,264	10,750	11,386	11,920	9,984	10,667	11,898	11,371	11,742
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	320,808	360,820	30,597	29,370	28,336	28,600	31,542	29,964	27,531	30,038	26,733	23,408	29,670	28,420	30,981
Crude oil and condensate production *(1,000 barrels)*	20,011	18,708	1,522	1,569	1,499	1,624	1,578	1,590	1,533	1,673	1,583	1,752	1,680	1,673	1,662
Electric energy consumption industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	21,431	21,020	1,818	1,799	1,698	1,827	1,958	1,919	1,983	2,005	2,104	2,039	2,146	2,135	2,097
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	5,419	6,166	559	510	479	532	526	580	571	525	561	534	559	540	571
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined *($1,000)*	2,011,200	2,763,700	272,000	290,900	214,400	224,000	156,200	244,600	174,300	571,700	231,400	210,600	383,400	202,200	230,000
Residential	847,200	1,286,500	136,900	96,700	93,600	96,200	78,600	125,100	104,500	117,500	114,100	105,900	163,200	96,800	84,200
Nonresidential	660,000	1,025,800	107,800	162,600	88,600	110,100	36,300	66,600	47,500	92,500	71,300	60,700	137,900	43,900	88,100
Public works and utilities	504,000	451,300	27,300	31,500	32,200	17,700	41,300	52,900	22,300	361,300	46,400	43,900	84,200	59,300	57,800
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	928	1,086	108	92	67	68	87	108	100	112	117	102	110	105	105
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations* *($1,000,000)*	4,598	5,263	5,191	5,204	5,263	5,289	5,323	5,389	5,387	5,416	5,492	5,544	5,606	5,681	5,740
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,112,332	2,288,165	186,326	221,579	154,139	205,929	202,747	264,652	234,338	246,438	138,192	195,871	215,569	241,633	225,955
Franchise	52,016	52,214	4,430	1,980	507	302	1,153	28,642	5,879	1,275	2,504	8,422	2,315	6,357	4,799
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	197,894	199,587	16,536	16,469	16,044	18,417	16,305	15,305	17,523	17,585	17,564	17,504	17,752	18,217	16,284
Income	765,160	815,838	38,160	83,559	53,073	49,125	95,328	130,393	82,889	130,465	81,367	42,840	90,776	92,998	48,127
Motor fuels	41,505	45,027	4,189	5,673	3,906	3,415	4,409	3,448	3,899	4,703	3,735	3,580	5,287	3,166	4,583
Oil gas privilege	36,891	89,645	5,106	34,115	4,424	5,742	5,924	5,475	5,164	5,571	5,438	5,605	9,662	5,294	5,319
Oil gas production	18,510	17,290	1,314	1,339	1,146	1,465	1,565	1,442	1,384	1,480	1,437	1,478	1,322	1,409	1,413
Sales	562,208	609,132	51,868	53,500	49,930	67,569	49,655	50,142	55,808	56,985	58,145	57,514	56,957	58,767	81,495
2.2% Gross receipts	44,104	46,185	10,134	63	6	13,504	152	9	13,448	210	1	13,723	......	15	13,638
TVA electric	35,999	31,290	2,867	......	2,867	5,734	......	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	6,895	......
Tobacco	70,885	68,915	6,030	5,454	6,081	5,485	4,985	5,418	5,734	6,072	6,211	5,980	6,516	6,380	5,990
Use	67,876	66,519	15,021	1,389	459	15,067	1,975	1,045	15,351	2,019	604	16,868	1,310	1,419	18,146
Utility	134,597	152,287	22,053	11,324	11,079	14,760	15,900	13,171	11,714	9,654	11,225	12,587	14,277	12,234	10,527
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	288.8	298.4	302.6	303.1	303.5	305.2	306.6	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3
Food	285.7	291.7	292.9	292.5	293.9	299.4	302.1	302.2	302.3	301.4	302.0	303.2	304.8	304.2	304.4
Housing	314.7	323.1	326.8	327.0	327.4	329.2	331.0	331.5	333.2	334.6	336.2	338.1	339.5	341.4	341.2
Fuel and utilities	350.8	370.3	374.4	371.3	370.6	376.0	383.0	380.1	380.9	385.5	390.0	393.9	395.5	397.0	392.4
Apparel and upkeep	191.8	196.5	200.7	200.7	199.3	196.4	196.2	198.8	199.2	198.9	197.4	196.6	200.1	204.2	205.7
Transportation	291.5	298.4	305.0	306.3	306.3	306.0	305.8	306.9	309.6	312.2	313.1	312.9	312.9	313.7	315.5
Medical care	328.7	357.3	362.9	364.9	366.2	369.5	373.2	374.5	375.7	376.8	378.0	380.3	381.9	383.1	385.5
Energy	416.0	419.3	425.1	419.9	418.0	416.7	420.2	418.1	421.3	426.1	428.5	428.3	427.3	429.0	426.7
Producer Price Index, U.S. *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	299.3	303.1	306.0	305.5	306.1	308.0	308.9	311.0	311.3	311.5	311.3	311.9	310.7	309.3	309.4
Industrial commodities	312.3	315.7	318.5	318.3	318.4	319.1	320.6	321.9	322.6	323.2	323.8	323.9	323.3	322.2	323.2
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers *(1977 = 100)*	115.8	121.3	122.0	129.0	131.0	140.0	138.0	138.0	138.0	134.0	127.0	129.0	121.0	122.0	115.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	346	335	330	330	329	328	326	325	324	323	322	321	319	318	317
Wholesale prices	334	330	327	327	327	325	324	322	321	321	321	321	322	323	323
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,711.0	1,758.0	1,783.1	1,771.4	1,760.5	1,745.9	1,753.1	1,766.2	1,790.3	1,804.8	1,821.5	1,815.0	1,807.5	1,808.3	1,816.4
Unemployment	246.0	240.0	207.3	202.5	197.6	213.5	205.4	203.6	191.5	188.8	200.6	211.6	196.0	197.9	190.8
Unemployment rate	14.4	13.7	11.6	11.4	11.2	12.2	11.7	11.5	10.7	10.5	11.0	11.7	10.8	10.9	10.5
Employment	1,465.0	1,518.0	1,575.8	1,566.9	1,562.9	1,532.4	1,547.7	1,562.6	1,598.8	1,616.0	1,620.9	1,603.4	1,611.5	1,610.4	1,625.6
Nonagricultural	1,312.5	1,328.8	1,355.0	1,359.1	1,364.2	1,345.7	1,354.6	1,362.1	1,379.7	1,385.8	1,393.9	1,382.4	1,387.1	1,381.6	1,388.8
Manufacturing	337.8	340.9	351.7	353.1	352.5	350.5	353.3	355.9	361.4	363.1	367.2	358.7	364.6	358.3	360.5
Durable goods	159.1	159.2	165.3	166.7	166.8	165.6	168.0	170.9	173.4	174.6	177.1	175.6	176.7	176.0	175.5
Lumber and wood products	25.1	27.9	29.0	28.9	28.8	28.2	28.4	29.2	29.4	29.8	30.4	30.6	30.8	30.4	30.1
Stone, clay, glass products	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.6	8.6	8.5	8.6	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	8.8	8.7
Primary metals	29.6	24.8	25.0	24.9	24.8	25.2	25.5	26.4	26.6	26.9	27.0	26.5	26.9	26.5	26.2
Blast furn. and steel works	8.8	5.7	5.3	5.5	6.1	6.6	7.1	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.2	7.2
Iron and steel foundries	11.4	10.5	10.7	10.5	9.9	10.0	9.6	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.2	10.1
Fabricated metals	22.8	21.8	22.3	22.6	22.8	22.4	22.7	22.7	22.9	23.0	23.1	23.2	23.4	23.3	23.2
Machinery (excl. electrical)	......	14.8	15.7	16.0	16.2	16.6	16.9	17.4	17.6	17.7	18.0	18.0	17.9	18.1	17.8
Electrical, electronic equip.	......	21.8	22.3	22.8	22.8	22.4	22.7	22.6	22.9	23.1	23.5	23.3	23.3	23.5	23.5
Transportation	22.6	21.7	23.1	23.4	23.3	23.3	23.8	24.2	25.0	25.2	25.9	25.8	26.0	26.2	26.6
Other durable goods	16.0	17.7	19.1	19.5	19.5	19.0	19.4	19.6	20.0	19.9	20.2	19.2	19.3	19.2	19.4
Nondurable goods	178.8	181.7	186.4	166.4	185.7	184.9	185.3	185.0	188.0	188.5	190.1	183.1	187.9	182.3	185.0
Food	26.5	27.0	27.5	27.2	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.1	27.5	27.8	28.2	28.3	28.4	28.4	26.8
Textile mill products	38.8	39.1	40.2	40.3	40.2	40.4	40.5	40.6	40.8	40.7	40.2	38.5	39.8	37.7	37.8
Apparel	53.0	54.9	57.0	57.0	56.3	55.8	56.1	55.5	57.3	57.6	58.3	52.8	56.3	53.3	55.5
Paper and allied products	21.0	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.3	21.1	21.0	21.2	21.2	21.7	21.7	21.5	21.2	21.1
Printing and publishing	10.2	10.6	10.9	11.0	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.4
Chemicals and allied products	13.1	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Rubber products	13.8	14.8	15.2	15.3	15.4	15.4	15.5	15.6	15.8	15.7	16.1	16.3	16.3	16.3	16.2
Other nondurable goods	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2
Nonmanufacturing	974.7	987.9	1,003.3	1,006.0	1,011.7	995.2	1,001.3	1,006.2	1,018.3	1,022.7	1,026.7	1,023.7	1,022.5	1,023.3	1,028.3
Mining and quarrying	16.2	13.7	13.8	13.9	13.8	13.8	13.9	13.9	14.2	14.3	14.6	14.7	14.7	14.8	14.2
Bituminous coal mining	12.1	10.3	10.1	10.4	9.5	9.1	9.8	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	9.6
Contract construction	56.8	59.8	63.2	63.4	61.1	57.8	60.1	61.2	62.8	64.2	66.8	67.4	67.4	67.9	66.2
Trans., comm., and utilities	71.1	69.7	70.9	70.7	71.3	70.3	70.6	71.0	71.5	72.3	73.4	72.7	73.2	72.5	72.7
Trade	267.4	273.3	278.4	282.0	288.3	278.1	277.5	279.9	285.4	287.7	291.3	292.1	295.2	296.3	296.2
Wholesale	70.0	70.1	71.1	71.6	71.7	70.9	71.3	71.8	72.8	73.1	74.3	74.8	74.8	74.7	74.7
Retail	197.4	203.1	207.3	210.4	216.6	207.2	206.2	208.1	212.6	214.6	217.0	217.3	220.4	221.6	221.5
Finance, insurance, real estate	58.8	59.9	60.4	60.4	60.9	60.9	61.1	61.5	61.9	62.2	63.0	63.5	63.4	63.2	63.2
Service and miscellaneous	214.4	218.9	222.0	221.2	221.9	221.4	223.1	225.5	228.6	228.3	229.6	228.6	228.6	228.9	229.8
Government	290.1	292.7	294.6	294.4	294.4	292.9	295.0	293.2	293.9	293.7	288.0	284.7	280.0	279.7	286.0
Federal	65.1	65.3	67.4	66.5	67.9	65.6	64.9	63.5	64.0	64.1	64.5	64.8	65.1	65.0	65.0
State and local	224.9	227.3	227.2	227.9	226.5	227.3	230.1	229.7	229.9	229.6	223.5	219.9	214.9	214.7	221.0

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983			1984									
	1982	1983	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	176,752	207,309	14,485	14,784	11,998	17,938	16,014	16,084	14,672	17,512	18,528	20,564	20,649	16,081	21,966
Nonagricultural placements	66,900	91,100	7,117	6,071	5,114	5,741	5,509	6,477	7,082	7,314	9,582	14,871	14,203	7,719	7,844
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	632,290	428,181	27,873	28,728	35,738	75,004	29,677	28,150	24,214	25,009	23,457	50,560	37,376	29,346	36,116
Payments *($1,000)*	233,984	191,868	11,656	12,540	13,999	18,452	15,901	15,566	11,949	13,048	12,192	13,536	15,564	12,258	13,716
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,060	15,780	15,710	15,680	15,460	15,530	15,420	15,460	15,600	15,560	15,670	15,570	15,590	15,730	15,700
	15.0	14.1	11.6	11.7	10.8	12.7	11.3	10.5	9.7	8.9	8.8	9.1	8.6	9.4	8.8
Baldwin	33,390	33,830	33,970	33,950	33,760	34,310	34,670	34,600	34,300	33,850	34,510	35,050	34,450	36,760	34,720
	12.1	12.3	11.0	11.3	11.8	14.0	13.7	12.6	10.3	8.8	9.0	10.5	9.4	15.4	9.4
Barbour	11,510	11,980	12,090	11,800	11,520	11,610	11,660	11,580	11,920	12,030	12,040	12,010	11,990	12,150	12,520
	16.2	13.1	10.9	10.9	10.8	13.0	12.2	10.2	9.6	9.1	9.6	10.8	10.1	11.3	13.3
Bibb	5,670	5,940	5,770	5,770	5,690	6,040	5,790	5,990	5,920	5,950	6,000	5,950	5,940	5,870	5,840
	22.8	19.6	15.0	15.4	18.0	25.3	20.0	19.6	19.1	16.8	15.1	15.6	18.2	15.5	14.1
Blount	14,050	13,520	13,730	13,130	12,890	12,870	13,020	13,200	13,290	13,360	13,370	13,390	13,440	13,670	14,000
	19.9	18.1	14.2	14.7	14.0	17.1	16.8	21.0	13.6	11.6	11.7	13.0	11.5	10.8	10.9
Bullock	4,480	4,530	4,820	4,660	4,410	4,230	4,250	4,250	4,390	4,510	4,590	4,600	4,880	4,710	4,910
	18.3	17.2	14.3	14.9	15.2	16.1	14.1	13.3	11.6	11.0	14.5	17.5	20.9	14.7	16.1
Butler	9,960	9,900	10,250	9,940	9,720	9,900	9,770	9,810	9,830	9,900	9,960	10,020	9,960	10,140	10,480
	20.3	17.3	15.2	13.3	12.0	16.7	15.5	15.1	13.2	12.6	13.9	15.2	14.7	13.2	13.5
Calhoun	45,620	46,560	46,850	46,310	46,520	47,170	47,220	47,470	47,820	47,820	48,380	49,370	49,050	48,290	48,690
	15.1	13.1	11.5	10.8	11.3	12.9	12.2	11.7	10.0	9.5	9.9	13.2	11.4	10.2	11.0
Chambers	16,280	16,920	17,070	16,880	16,760	16,760	16,850	16,950	17,050	17,160	17,220	17,280	16,960	16,780	16,600
	11.3	9.8	8.7	8.3	7.8	8.8	9.3	8.8	8.9	9.9	10.1	11.1	9.3	8.6	8.5
Cherokee	11,390	11,400	11,770	11,430	10,860	11,090	11,110	11,120	11,680	11,640	11,040	11,590	12,080	12,260	12,320
	14.8	15.4	13.4	10.2	11.1	14.5	17.4	20.8	11.3	11.2	18.8	18.5	8.9	8.5	16.6
Chilton	13,450	15,420	15,820	15,640	15,360	15,490	15,540	15,650	15,710	15,880	16,060	15,930	15,940	15,850	15,970
	15.6	13.3	10.3	10.7	10.5	12.7	11.7	11.7	11.1	10.4	10.7	11.6	11.6	10.8	11.2
Choctaw	5,280	5,560	5,510	5,440	5,500	5,610	5,650	5,660	5,650	5,670	5,530	5,790	5,630	5,960	5,830
	15.3	15.2	12.6	11.4	12.8	15.2	16.1	15.9	13.8	14.7	13.8	18.4	14.6	22.6	19.7
Clarke	10,450	10,810	10,620	10,580	10,560	10,870	10,680	10,780	10,640	10,650	10,720	10,970	10,700	10,920	10,490
	15.9	16.2	13.2	13.6	13.8	15.9	14.9	13.8	12.7	12.7	12.3	15.2	13.3	20.1	13.2
Clay	7,400	7,520	7,690	7,670	7,510	7,650	7,670	7,840	7,950	7,930	7,890	7,860	7,950	7,980	7,990
	13.5	13.8	11.3	11.3	10.7	12.3	11.8	10.8	9.8	10.3	10.7	11.2	11.3	10.1	8.4
Cleburne	5,080	5,210	5,280	5,190	5,160	5,090	5,100	5,130	5,150	5,120	5,280	5,500	5,190	5,200	5,230
	14.5	12.5	9.6	9.7	9.7	11.2	10.9	10.8	8.7	8.4	9.9	14.0	9.8	8.0	8.2
Coffee	19,410	20,040	20,340	20,020	19,700	19,430	20,030	20,030	20,120	20,240	20,160	20,180	20,050	20,150	20,720
	11.8	10.8	8.5	8.9	9.6	10.2	10.5	9.8	8.1	8.2	8.2	9.0	8.2	8.4	8.4
Colbert	23,620	24,050	23,710	23,500	23,520	23,760	24,310	24,140	24,310	23,880	24,060	24,020	23,910	23,820	23,640
	19.0	18.5	15.8	15.3	15.5	19.0	20.1	18.3	17.8	16.0	16.2	17.1	15.8	15.6	15.1
Conecuh	6,820	7,010	7,060	6,970	7,120	7,050	7,010	7,130	7,260	7,370	7,360	7,280	7,160	7,800	7,540
	13.9	12.7	11.7	12.3	13.7	13.7	14.1	12.6	11.1	10.0	10.6	11.5	9.7	14.8	10.6
Coosa	5,630	5,570	5,610	5,600	5,520	5,510	5,520	5,460	5,610	5,580	5,500	5,540	5,620	5,770	5,700
	10.8	10.3	7.7	8.2	7.8	9.0	8.8	7.8	7.5	6.5	7.9	7.8	8.4	8.9	7.0
Covington	15,630	16,340	16,580	16,500	16,160	16,280	16,570	16,360	16,370	16,370	16,310	16,290	16,380	16,150	16,440
	13.5	12.3	10.3	11.1	11.3	12.8	13.4	11.6	10.1	9.0	9.2	10.8	9.7	8.2	9.2
Crenshaw	6,830	7,220	7,640	7,250	6,820	6,750	6,810	6,920	7,170	7,440	7,220	7,100	7,210	7,700	7,630
	13.8	12.1	8.6	8.3	8.6	12.5	11.9	12.7	10.3	10.6	10.0	11.0	10.1	16.9	8.4
Cullman	27,400	28,710	29,480	28,830	28,050	28,430	28,700	29,070	29,160	29,300	29,220	29,070	29,740	29,700	30,240
	17.2	14.7	11.1	10.9	10.7	14.2	14.6	12.9	10.6	9.6	10.1	11.1	12.3	9.6	10.4
Dale	12,410	12,980	13,110	12,890	12,630	12,760	12,780	12,980	12,980	13,080	13,040	13,180	13,010	13,130	13,320
	13.1	13.7	11.8	12.1	11.5	12.8	13.3	13.7	11.4	11.0	11.0	13.4	11.1	10.4	10.9
Dallas	23,870	23,640	23,540	23,370	22,910	23,360	23,400	23,260	23,480	23,220	23,700	23,780	23,920	23,810	23,980
	17.3	17.5	15.2	15.3	14.7	17.0	16.6	15.6	15.5	14.3	15.2	16.5	17.2	16.2	16.8
DeKalb	28,460	29,950	30,200	29,530	28,890	29,440	29,310	29,580	30,100	30,290	30,670	31,270	30,900	30,300	30,560
	13.4	13.8	13.0	12.3	11.6	14.5	12.7	12.0	10.8	10.1	10.6	11.4	9.9	10.1	10.7
Elmore	19,880	20,770	20,780	20,570	20,250	20,170	20,220	20,390	20,570	20,670	20,860	20,700	20,720	20,750	20,750
	13.3	12.2	10.1	9.5	8.4	9.6	9.1	8.8	8.0	7.7	7.8	8.0	7.5	7.6	7.2
Escambia	16,470	17,430	17,360	17,410	17,440	17,560	17,610	17,420	17,610	17,680	17,770	17,660	17,520	18,040	17,570
	13.2	12.6	11.3	12.1	12.6	14.3	13.5	11.8	11.3	11.3	10.8	11.4	10.6	17.8	10.9
Etowah	42,720	42,450	41,890	41,720	41,370	41,660	41,700	41,500	41,810	41,700	42,230	42,870	42,900	42,780	42,630
	20.5	17.5	14.0	14.2	13.5	15.8	15.3	14.3	13.4	11.7	11.6	13.6	13.3	13.3	13.5
Fayette	9,830	10,170	10,450	10,310	10,160	10,160	10,170	10,340	10,490	10,550	10,540	10,530	10,580	10,670	10,730
	11.4	11.7	9.6	9.4	9.7	10.5	9.7	9.9	8.9	8.1	8.7	9.8	10.3	9.0	10.7
Franklin	13,310	14,200	14,440	14,320	14,010	15,060	15,190	15,390	14,930	14,910	14,830	15,100	14,760	14,490	14,510
	18.4	18.2	15.5	16.6	16.6	25.7	23.0	22.1	18.3	17.2	15.9	21.6	17.9	16.6	16.2
Geneva	10,800	11,400	11,950	11,600	11,470	11,330	11,320	11,430	11,670	11,830	11,940	11,760	11,870	12,050	12,520
	11.4	10.5	8.3	8.3	9.4	10.2	9.4	8.9	8.4	7.7	7.5	9.8	7.3	6.8	8.5
Greene	4,560	4,610	4,590	4,480	4,420	4,610	4,700	4,640	4,780	4,730	4,680	4,690	4,720	4,870	4,820
	17.0	16.7	12.7	13.5	15.4	21.5	21.4	17.7	16.8	14.6	15.5	16.4	16.5	18.8	17.7
Hale	4,980	5,310	5,460	5,340	5,270	5,380	5,310	5,310	5,450	5,440	5,510	5,570	5,450	5,510	5,520
	20.7	16.6	12.8	14.8	18.2	22.6	19.6	17.9	16.8	15.0	16.3	21.2	17.8	17.2	15.4
Henry	7,010	7,260	7,670	7,410	7,140	7,020	7,100	7,050	7,390	7,540	7,350	7,240	7,310	7,630	7,780
	12.2	11.2	9.1	9.3	9.4	11.5	10.2	8.6	8.4	8.3	8.8	10.6	9.9	9.8	9.1
Houston	39,040	40,070	41,050	40,160	39,630	39,610	39,840	40,080	40,770	41,060	41,290	41,010	40,490	41,130	41,480
	10.0	10.8	9.7	9.4	9.2	10.4	9.4	8.9	8.6	8.7	8.7	10.3	8.3	8.5	8.8
Jackson	21,080	20,800	20,980	20,320	19,980	19,810	19,930	19,660	19,640	19,440	19,200	19,940	19,140	19,030	19,340
	20.4	22.0	19.5	19.0	20.7	22.0	21.8	19.3	16.4	14.5	15.7	22.0	16.1	14.5	14.7
Jefferson	306,120	310,270	307,640	305,340	303,270	306,020	305,750	308,780	310,420	309,110	313,030	313,360	309,560	308,870	310,010
	13.8	12.8	10.8	10.7	10.1	11.6	10.7	10.9	9.9	9.2	9.4	9.8	9.5	9.1	9.2
Lamar	8,330	8,820	8,960	8,900	8,730	8,830	8,940	8,980	9,100	9,060	9,270	9,180	9,090	9,090	9,100
	13.5	9.8	7.9	8.4	7.3	8.9	8.2	7.5	7.5	7.2	8.6	9.2	7.7	7.4	6.8
Lauderdale	34,260	34,810	34,610	34,220	34,350	34,800	35,380	35,280	34,890	34,530	34,910	35,120	35,040	34,750	34,850
	17.5	16.9	14.8	14.0	14.5	18.3	18.8	17.4	15.4	14.2	14.7	16.2	15.1	14.6	14.9
Lawrence	14,310	14,490	13,990	13,680	13,380	13,650	13,720	13,660	13,870	13,880	13,730	13,790	13,520	13,520	13,580
	18.9	18.7	15.7	16.0	16.9	19.1	18.9	16.8	16.3	15.5	14.4	15.3	13.8	13.6	13.3
Lee	34,330	36,140	37,120	36,770	35,890	36,440	36,770	36,650	37,140	37,420	37,650	36,470	36,560	36,460	37,600
	9.4	8.4	6.9	6.5	6.0	7.3	7.2	6.4	6.6	6.2	7.8	7.8	7.7	7.2	7.1
Limestone	22,840	23,940	24,180	24,040	23,780	24,290	24,430	24,300	24,780	24,770	24,940	24,900	25,340	25,300	25,590
	13.6	11.0	8.6	9.0	8.5	11.2	11.1	9.7	9.6	8.5	8.5	9.0	9.3	8.3	8.5
Lowndes	4,960	5,320	5,560	5,420	5,290	5,260	5,270	5,180	5,390	5,360	5,300	5,290	5,340	5,380	5,390
	19.2	17.6	16.0	14.0	14.3	19.3	18.3	17.7	19.7	17.7	18.6	20.3	19.9	18.6	16.9
Macon	7,820	8,000	8,090	7,800	7,760	7,810	7,810	7,780	7,930	8,000	8,360	8,220	8,220	8,380	8,640
	14.9	13.5	11.2	11.1	11.4	12.7	11.9	10.6	10.5	9.6	13.9	14.3	14.2	11.5	10.9
Madison	94,570	100,410	103,030	102,090	100,970	102,220	102,160	104,170	104,170	104,860	105,950	104,940	106,220	106,590	107,760
	10.7	9.2	8.1	8.2	7.7	9.7	9.0	9.8	7.9	7.5	7.7	7.6	7.4	6.8	7.0
Marengo	9,690	9,920	9,860	9,790	9,640	9,860	9,800	9,970	9,960	9,960	10,260	10,430	10,120	10,570	10,280
	15.4	15.4	11.7	12.1	12.9	15.0	14.2	15.0	12.7	11.7	12.7	15.6	12.2	20.0	14.0
Marion	13,300	13,760	13,500	13,580	13,250	13,550	13,490	13,490	13,420	13,320	13,390	13,490	13,480	13,380	13,580
	18.3	19.4	16.1	17.7	15.6	18.6	17.6	16.4	14.2	12.3	11.6	13.9	15.3	14.4	15.9
Marshall	33,020	34,920	35,260	35,020	34,960	35,930	36,000	35,470	35,910	35,770	36,400	38,390	36,520	36,890	37,370
	14.8	13.0	10.6	10.9	11.2	14.4	14.0	11.8	11.0	9.6	10.5	15.8	10.3	10.3	10.7
Mobile	158,750	163,820	163,950	161,260	158,890	163,040	163,710	164,260	164,740	164,340	167,090	167,440	166,180	164,300	166,660
	14.0	15.9	14.3	13.3	12.9	15.9	15.1	14.5	13.3	12.8	12.7	12.9	12.7	12.1	12.3

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983			1984									
	1982	1983	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	10,360	10,770	10,950	10,980	10,900	10,940	10,950	10,900	11,010	10,840	11,060	11,020	11,050	12,640	11,190
	14.2	12.6	11.7	12.6	12.4	15.6	14.9	13.4	12.6	10.1	12.5	12.7	12.1	32.8	13.5
Montgomery	88,090	92,650	94,230	93,970	92,810	92,730	93,380	93,460	94,480	94,540	96,350	95,770	95,700	95,070	95,890
	11.1	10.6	10.0	10.0	9.3	10.7	10.6	9.6	9.0	8.4	9.4	9.7	9.0	8.4	8.8
Morgan	37,450	37,990	37,960	37,520	37,080	37,630	37,490	37,810	38,060	38,070	38,590	38,390	37,870	38,010	37,680
	16.1	14.5	12.8	12.4	11.9	14.5	13.6	13.7	12.4	11.6	12.0	12.5	11.5	11.6	11.4
Perry	5,690	5,860	5,950	5,870	5,780	5,840	5,690	5,660	5,730	5,780	5,910	5,860	5,900	5,930	5,980
	15.7	14.8	11.2	15.7	19.2	22.4	15.1	12.1	10.8	10.0	10.4	12.5	12.2	11.1	10.4
Pickens	7,550	7,630	7,650	7,510	7,600	7,500	7,540	7,450	7,590	7,730	7,790	7,700	7,670	7,620	7,680
	19.7	17.7	14.2	13.3	16.3	17.9	17.3	15.8	15.2	16.4	15.2	15.7	15.3	13.2	13.1
Pike	13,260	13,770	14,370	13,890	12,960	13,360	13,420	13,590	13,680	13,870	13,890	13,620	13,500	13,520	14,350
	13.4	13.7	10.6	10.8	11.9	12.0	11.8	12.0	9.6	8.9	9.9	10.6	10.5	10.4	9.1
Randolph	9,710	9,170	9,310	9,050	8,950	8,890	8,830	8,780	8,820	8,880	8,650	9,240	8,830	8,780	9,040
	21.7	17.8	12.1	12.7	13.8	18.0	16.2	15.9	13.1	12.9	14.0	22.0	16.9	15.5	13.9
Russell	17,990	18,320	18,230	18,190	18,210	19,480	18,890	18,560	18,790	18,930	20,370	19,660	19,290	19,050	19,210
	16.7	13.7	11.6	11.2	11.5	17.9	14.3	12.1	11.8	11.9	17.0	13.7	11.1	11.0	11.3
St. Clair	18,980	19,350	19,070	19,100	19,280	19,310	19,470	19,030	19,280	19,110	19,330	19,280	19,210	19,660	19,390
	14.7	14.2	11.7	12.4	13.2	14.0	13.9	11.3	10.9	9.8	9.9	9.9	10.5	12.3	10.9
Shelby	29,940	30,510	30,570	30,230	30,220	30,890	30,650	30,300	30,740	30,910	31,490	31,510	30,920	30,580	30,860
	13.0	12.4	11.4	10.9	10.9	13.6	12.1	10.3	10.1	10.3	11.0	11.4	10.5	9.4	9.9
Sumter	6,810	6,990	7,100	7,110	6,850	7,060	7,040	7,170	7,220	7,180	7,360	7,330	7,300	7,340	7,400
	17.7	14.3	11.1	11.8	9.9	12.2	11.1	12.0	13.3	10.1	13.2	13.5	12.7	10.9	10.4
Talladega	30,840	32,030	32,440	31,670	31,300	31,730	31,670	31,920	32,210	31,900	32,680	32,130	32,380	33,090	31,630
	19.2	17.1	14.2	13.5	13.0	15.0	14.6	14.7	14.5	13.5	15.1	15.0	16.2	20.1	13.8
Tallapoosa	16,900	16,580	16,660	16,560	16,620	16,850	16,970	17,080	17,220	17,160	17,620	17,600	17,620	17,160	17,140
	13.5	12.2	10.3	9.6	9.9	10.6	10.2	9.8	8.7	8.0	9.3	9.7	10.3	8.9	9.0
Tuscaloosa	55,530	56,520	56,800	56,540	56,400	56,910	57,500	58,020	58,090	58,180	57,710	57,230	57,660	58,130	58,570
	12.6	12.5	10.9	10.5	10.3	11.8	11.2	11.1	9.7	10.3	10.1	10.3	10.2	9.0	9.5
Walker	31,760	32,980	33,300	32,910	33,020	33,440	33,350	33,330	32,570	32,520	32,570	32,700	32,390	32,350	32,620
	15.0	16.1	15.7	15.2	15.6	17.3	16.3	15.5	12.1	11.7	10.9	11.6	11.5	11.3	11.8
Washington	6,200	6,380	6,500	6,340	6,210	6,330	6,400	6,550	6,510	6,770	6,610	6,770	6,540	6,880	6,830
	16.9	20.0	16.4	15.8	15.7	17.8	18.1	18.0	16.1	18.5	17.2	21.6	18.3	20.8	19.0
Wilcox	6,380	5,860	5,680	5,490	5,320	5,340	5,380	5,230	5,340	5,410	5,420	5,360	5,300	5,300	5,320
	18.7	20.3	18.1	17.6	17.1	18.8	18.0	17.2	16.1	16.0	16.6	18.0	16.4	15.5	15.1
Winston	8,480	9,150	9,290	9,170	8,960	9,570	9,850	9,450	9,450	9,500	9,400	9,310	9,260	9,300	9,700
	22.5	18.6	15.3	16.2	16.5	23.4	25.8	20.0	17.9	18.4	16.2	17.4	17.5	17.0	20.6
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	551,093	643,182	85,365	50,213	46,894	51,145	40,064	53,684	72,261	83,186	44,217	90,034	54,364	68,859	64,093
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	8,142	6,288	826	757	423	583	508	232	718	905	769	988	1,019	1,032	971
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	1,222,158	788,611	64,610	81,993	64,282	69,760	39,449	46,631	32,516	60,111	47,488	31,808	44,217	42,139	62,763
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	14,577	9,496	547	546	868	1,731	1,283	1,667	2,096	1,930	1,915	1,292	2,293	1,719	2,353
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[8] *(1,000 tons)*	39,655	34,916	2,948	3,118	2,653	3,017	2,522	3,015	3,110	3,266	3,413	3,307	3,549	3,362	3,445
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	22,680	23,017	1,798	1,588	1,884	2,494	2,093	1,793	1,604	1,607	1,968	2,445	2,384	2,339	1,861
Gasoline sales[9] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,840,396	1,861,406	153,174	148,354	168,460	150,958	141,858	162,105	162,606	162,470	161,968	163,798	168,845	150,779	163,960
New passenger car registrations[10] *(number)*	100,717	122,393	10,378	10,295	11,751	10,453	11,116	11,051	11,616	13,890	12,648	12,806	12,579	10,981	11,452
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[11] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	....	....	....	....	....	288	281	305	305	301	303	311	293	309	277
General stores with food and gas	....	....	....	....	....	13	12	14	15	15	16	15	15	14	13
General merchandise	....	....	....	....	....	157	144	176	191	191	196	176	190	179	182
Apparel	....	....	....	....	....	35	34	46	52	45	47	41	48	44	43
Furniture, furnishings, etc	....	....	....	....	....	41	40	44	43	44	45	47	46	43	44
Automotive	....	....	....	....	....	211	234	275	259	281	288	268	280	241	247
Gasoline service stations	....	....	....	....	....	22	22	25	25	26	26	26	26	24	39
Lumber and building materials	....	....	....	....	....	55	61	73	77	81	82	79	80	79	77
Hardware and farm implements	....	....	....	....	....	23	29	37	39	40	40	38	38	36	35
Eating places	....	....	....	....	....	95	97	112	102	104	106	112	116	108	100
Drug stores	....	....	....	....	....	22	21	21	21	24	25	19	21	20	20
All other retail	....	....	....	....	....	153	156	173	175	176	181	169	184	177	172
Total sales by retail concerns	....	....	....	....	....	1,113	1,130	1,302	1,304	1,329	1,354	1,300	1,337	1,276	1,249
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	....	....	....	....	....	190	188	213	216	228	227	218	228	229	240
Total all sales at retail	....	....	....	....	....	1,304	1,317	1,516	1,520	1,557	1,581	1,518	1,565	1,504	1,489
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[11] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	....	....	....	....	....	36,218	36,364	42,586	42,254	43,098	43,683	41,922	42,656	41,454	42,681
Birmingham	....	....	....	....	....	347,452	363,623	421,258	417,076	429,535	433,896	415,490	440,354	422,891	399,433
Dothan	....	....	....	....	....	43,795	47,680	53,484	52,862	56,001	57,202	53,795	54,822	50,235	51,885
Florence	....	....	....	....	....	42,222	43,478	50,265	51,026	51,571	52,272	50,961	52,085	48,944	50,064
Gadsden	....	....	....	....	....	32,540	32,361	37,607	38,361	38,951	39,506	41,824	40,988	36,929	37,180
Huntsville	....	....	....	....	....	74,343	77,028	85,494	85,654	87,982	88,981	86,439	89,685	84,465	84,587
Mobile	....	....	....	....	....	149,187	150,628	173,136	177,419	179,576	185,818	179,278	169,184	168,922	146,855
Montgomery	....	....	....	....	....	99,295	102,822	116,572	117,033	122,690	124,708	119,548	121,817	116,655	113,506
Tuscaloosa	....	....	....	....	....	47,063	45,373	51,356	50,659	52,063	53,322	51,026	55,334	53,201	50,949
Counties															
Autauga	....	....	....	....	....	6,750	6,981	7,965	8,236	8,135	8,431	8,416	8,190	8,045	7,707
Baldwin	....	....	....	....	....	22,302	24,507	28,073	28,689	30,045	30,895	31,123	30,301	27,759	24,933
Barbour	....	....	....	....	....	4,943	4,784	5,878	5,893	6,202	6,334	6,182	6,640	5,480	5,704
Bibb	....	....	....	....	....	2,797	2,970	3,282	3,314	3,674	3,711	3,266	3,621	3,230	3,433
Blount	....	....	....	....	....	6,051	6,128	6,974	7,144	7,739	7,927	7,460	8,055	7,305	7,685
Bullock	....	....	....	....	....	2,107	2,142	2,143	2,123	1,977	2,001	2,014	2,096	2,165	1,768
Butler	....	....	....	....	....	5,521	4,604	5,447	5,553	5,364	5,472	5,665	5,670	5,552	4,760
Calhoun	....	....	....	....	....	36,218	36,364	42,586	42,254	43,098	43,683	41,922	42,656	41,454	42,681
Chambers	....	....	....	....	....	8,075	7,890	9,214	9,078	9,382	8,917	8,918	8,813	8,409	8,926
Cherokee	....	....	....	....	....	3,446	3,634	3,913	4,128	4,340	4,432	3,861	4,154	3,715	3,910
Chilton	....	....	....	....	....	6,947	7,004	8,129	8,266	8,494	8,634	8,029	8,464	7,766	8,384
Choctaw	....	....	....	....	....	2,995	2,759	3,203	3,039	2,922	3,007	3,093	3,191	2,709	2,583
Clarke	....	....	....	....	....	6,232	7,229	8,280	8,615	7,847	7,971	7,652	7,952	8,149	7,437
Clay	....	....	....	....	....	1,884	1,877	2,294	2,220	2,239	2,285	2,167	2,259	2,180	2,118
Cleburne	....	....	....	....	....	1,686	1,611	1,937	1,951	1,986	2,000	2,091	1,897	1,742	1,806
Coffee	....	....	....	....	....	13,469	14,295	16,957	16,213	16,486	16,268	14,945	15,266	14,248	13,109

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983			1984									
	1982	1983	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert						17,564	18,128	20,907	21,049	21,733	22,029	21,507	21,575	19,922	20,052
Conecuh						2,505	2,723	3,441	3,132	3,069	3,034	2,968	2,832	4,237	2,746
Coosa						619	525	723	714	700	671	754	820	777	785
Covington						9,580	10,588	12,109	11,557	11,618	11,830	11,237	11,657	10,754	10,434
Crenshaw						2,377	2,302	2,509	2,537	2,529	2,574	2,449	2,334	2,168	2,579
Cullman						15,925	16,817	19,756	19,999	20,181	20,945	20,004	19,834	19,096	21,393
Dale						7,035	7,619	8,766	8,492	8,848	8,984	8,943	8,801	8,813	8,352
Dallas						14,219	14,386	16,687	16,519	17,220	17,323	16,214	16,305	15,946	16,677
DeKalb						13,348	13,021	13,813	14,701	15,505	15,834	14,956	15,488	14,860	15,016
Elmore						7,196	7,516	8,428	8,221	8,865	9,047	8,623	9,008	8,736	7,941
Escambia						9,860	10,622	12,089	12,450	11,746	11,940	11,378	11,520	11,198	11,694
Etowah						32,540	32,361	37,607	38,361	38,951	39,506	41,824	40,988	36,929	37,180
Fayette						4,728	4,969	5,815	5,400	5,683	5,755	4,967	5,280	5,703	4,586
Franklin						6,715	7,347	8,516	8,423	8,434	8,631	8,147	8,515	8,195	7,537
Geneva						10,841	11,558	11,995	12,075	12,455	12,502	11,643	11,881	11,716	11,372
Greene						1,270	1,281	1,564	1,492	1,614	1,635	2,058	1,584	1,354	1,470
Hale						2,239	2,395	2,767	2,573	2,805	2,850	2,525	2,774	2,591	2,492
Henry						2,323	2,465	3,030	3,011	2,956	3,011	2,953	2,992	3,237	2,631
Houston						36,760	40,061	44,718	44,370	47,153	48,218	44,852	46,021	41,422	43,533
Jackson						9,259	9,452	10,927	10,913	11,322	11,636	11,241	12,633	11,236	11,483
Jefferson						294,846	309,996	360,052	355,179	362,931	366,520	351,453	373,657	361,247	337,941
Lamar						2,691	2,901	3,797	3,127	3,428	3,471	3,120	3,072	2,956	2,841
Lauderdale						24,658	25,350	29,358	29,977	29,838	30,243	29,454	30,510	29,022	30,012
Lawrence						3,647	3,475	4,135	4,216	4,585	4,664	4,098	4,436	4,210	4,232
Lee						24,947	24,525	28,202	28,136	29,207	29,588	28,040	29,042	29,335	27,638
Limestone						11,168	11,418	13,548	13,572	14,093	14,358	13,107	13,863	13,417	12,746
Lowndes						1,280	1,215	1,337	1,380	1,462	1,480	1,334	1,361	1,351	1,393
Macon						3,851	3,179	3,476	3,651	3,754	3,835	3,760	4,267	3,943	3,474
Madison						74,343	77,028	85,494	85,654	87,982	88,981	86,439	89,685	84,465	84,587
Marengo						5,549	5,112	5,668	5,439	5,510	5,634	5,463	5,630	5,325	5,596
Marion						6,860	7,017	8,213	7,471	7,916	8,112	7,776	7,962	7,828	7,498
Marshall						22,754	23,968	27,928	28,111	29,288	29,764	28,133	29,488	27,574	27,343
Mobile						126,885	126,121	145,063	148,730	149,531	154,923	148,155	138,883	141,163	121,922
Monroe						6,164	6,518	8,373	7,656	7,711	7,954	7,721	9,954	8,963	8,378
Montgomery						85,349	88,325	100,179	100,576	105,690	107,230	102,509	104,619	99,874	97,858
Morgan						30,390	31,383	36,643	37,601	38,520	39,120	36,391	38,642	36,693	37,036
Perry						1,631	1,870	2,145	2,028	2,148	2,171	2,095	2,309	2,371	2,098
Pickens						2,964	2,925	3,487	3,625	3,638	3,686	3,447	3,564	3,310	3,555
Pike						6,442	6,699	7,666	7,344	7,552	7,493	7,137	7,860	7,556	7,580
Randolph						5,139	4,642	4,900	4,443	4,784	4,861	4,647	4,429	4,643	4,730
Russell						8,176	8,980	10,008	9,961	10,377	10,404	10,375	10,769	9,671	9,803
St. Clair						8,317	9,182	10,380	9,984	10,753	10,936	10,095	10,249	10,132	10,331
Shelby						17,848	17,886	21,005	20,782	22,707	22,932	21,957	23,257	20,312	19,424
Sumter						2,342	2,163	2,866	2,444	2,410	2,508	2,528	2,555	2,402	2,508
Talladega						17,279	17,186	19,187	20,290	22,803	21,288	20,243	19,564	18,411	18,454
Tallapoosa						9,468	9,637	10,653	11,075	11,406	11,589	10,715	10,362	9,551	9,912
Tuscaloosa						47,063	45,373	51,856	50,659	52,063	53,322	51,026	55,334	53,201	50,949
Walker						20,390	20,431	22,847	23,987	25,405	25,581	24,525	25,136	23,895	24,052
Washington						1,575	1,619	1,720	1,825	1,931	1,968	1,691	2,019	1,764	1,826
Wilcox						2,385	2,092	2,419	2,249	2,406	2,468	2,354	2,306	2,215	2,169
Winston						4,972	5,188	6,014	6,159	6,434	6,439	5,726	5,919	5,938	5,511
Statewide[11]						84,042	63,297	74,532	79,816	75,441	77,918	76,033	82,029	82,756	118,306
BUILDING PERMITS[12]															
Alabama															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	712,696	1,079,085	86,676	162,881	76,349	65,449	75,497	99,328	193,079	97,366	115,116	99,776	147,117	80,497	84,514
Residential	237,082	449,881	43,819	42,063	27,533	24,927	38,376	39,447	46,811	38,102	43,568	36,909	42,389	33,332	36,966
Nonresidential	300,343	366,127	19,695	95,659	33,868	22,711	21,524	32,351	130,709	42,724	53,582	44,597	79,263	27,171	29,249
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	5,965	8,848	818	718	693	595	644	790	788	915	842	833	749	694	737
Residential	2,700	3,593	268	261	231	247	255	317	317	408	324	322	317	248	256
Nonresidential	442	932	109	101	81	75	93	126	113	117	139	104	92	90	95
Birmingham															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	109,048	213,343	9,844	83,104	6,605	5,689	4,413	8,945	7,619	5,562	8,258	8,169	14,214	10,005	5,797
Residential	13,918	31,921	4,275	904	885	1,100	1,574	2,100	2,551	814	1,299	763	1,285	1,271	1,076
Nonresidential	61,839	108,370	767	70,397	526	985	530	1,071	90	768	2,963	2,369	1,967	3,606	4,675
Decatur															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	8,551	14,095	1,278	1,004	789	912	1,111	1,075	1,106	1,520	1,342	1,909	2,170	1,767	1,920
Residential	2,937	7,340	862	663	267	673	845	739	739	1,096	925	1,080	1,357	1,053	1,142
Nonresidential	3,812	2,156	140	116	32	73	81	115	139	172	171	355	429	318	347
Dothan															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	28,821	18,943	3,402	2,191	2,952	1,075	1,064	1,568	1,353	1,326	1,514	901	1,599	1,344	1,857
Residential	5,626	7,760	2,412	805	351	444	631	685	695	448	759	182	226	370	670
Nonresidential	9,720	6,339	367	1,127	2,146	457	100	452	518	238	257	125	641	666	860
Gadsden															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	10,429	13,596	550	1,389	1,189	656	530	214	565	1,351	865	166	260	886	2,546
Residential	1,517	2,006	329	75	61	110	57	92	347	976	219	26	74	46	53
Nonresidential	3,271	3,912	201	1,283	1,104	24	452	102	163	122	493	101	143	813	2,331
Huntsville															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	58,302	122,759	20,834	9,742	6,919	6,115	16,817	12,836	8,111	13,997	13,853	14,007	14,163	6,626	8,187
Residential	18,311	51,350	10,578	1,598	1,939	2,203	7,732	4,874	4,843	3,753	6,032	3,331	6,078	2,825	2,982
Nonresidential	14,238	45,128	3,320	5,238	3,809	2,270	5,358	7,169	2,413	8,366	5,970	9,394	6,045	3,339	3,835
Mobile															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	83,675	109,508	6,093	8,760	10,475	3,718	5,366	17,080	116,254	6,250	36,928	6,707	4,020	6,484	10,322
Residential	19,544	38,261	990	1,586	7,313	984	1,470	1,424	2,639	2,009	6,935	3,208	1,071	1,201	2,636
Nonresidential	43,701	49,663	2,188	5,173	2,058	1,419	2,488	4,160	112,221	3,331	28,665	2,127	1,153	3,886	2,288

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983			1984									
	1982	1983	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	52,352	76,984	6,326	5,764	5,127	14,164	5,100	6,477	6,330	6,994	7,007	8,192	8,070	7,254	8,188
Residential	15,363	32,619	2,108	2,278	1,874	2,436	2,131	2,462	2,509	2,493	2,528	3,504	3,361	2,991	3,262
Nonresidential	22,178	28,264	2,596	2,170	1,856	9,934	1,882	2,727	2,496	3,043	3,059	3,719	3,896	3,407	4,000
Quad-Cities[13]															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	18,563	12,978	852	1,360	699	2,642	1,410	4,666	2,443	4,910	1,260	2,227	1,799	2,246	1,917
Residential	7,481	6,391	428	874	166	480	754	1,298	700	792	323	633	721	533	430
Nonresidential	5,722	3,506	337	123	100	207	585	3,031	1,079	3,887	614	1,265	160	196	323
Selma															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	2,757	4,197	67	98	356	1,826	213	219	1,019	356	158	994	184	819	593
Residential	987	357	....	65	20	....	....	24	87	82	117	148	75	....	76
Nonresidential	1,739	798	30	1	....	3	133	36	717	35	....	7	....	617	4
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	21,418	30,159	1,814	1,809	613	1,505	2,647	3,328	1,804	4,323	4,183	1,719	2,805	2,463	2,228
Residential	6,592	14,849	396	717	407	1,032	1,163	2,097	988	2,153	1,284	737	1,634	1,356	789
Nonresidential	8,408	6,227	527	599	3	132	929	573	277	1,529	1,901	615	360	552	1,145

NOTE Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. [1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[11] Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

[12] Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

[13] Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

Counting the Dollars

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million, up 71 percent.

Alabama had 125,561 employees (including part-time) working in service establishments in March 1982. Nursing and personal care facilities had the largest number of workers, 13,039. Physicians' offices followed, 12,901 employees. Third was hotels, motor hotels, and motels, 8,941.

Jefferson County led in service business receipts with $1.5 billion, followed by Mobile County at $555 million. The balance of the state's most populous counties — Madison, Montgomery, and Tuscaloosa — follow, and these five counties accounted for almost 69 percent of 1982 service receipts statewide.

Reports Available

Copies of the reports are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20402. Reports also are available on microfiche. Order forms may be obtained from Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C., 20233.

The retail census for Alabama is titled *1982 Census of Retail Trade, Geographic Area Series — Alabama, RC82-A-1;* the wholesale census is titled *1982 Census of Wholesale Trade, Geographic Area Series — Alabama, WC82-A-1;* and the services census, *1982 Census of Service Industries, Geographic Area Series — Alabama, SC82-A-1.*

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Electric Energy: Alabama Power Company and Tennessee Valley Authority, special tabulations.
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Prices

Consumer Prices, Producer Prices, and Purchasing Power of the Dollar: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Prices Received by Alabama Farmers: Alabama Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, *Alabama Farm Facts.*

Labor Force and Employment

State: Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, *Alabama Labor Market News* and *Statistical Bulletin.*
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Trade

Exports and Imports: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, SM305 and SM705, special tabulations from computer tapes.
Shipments by Water: Alabama State Docks, *Port of Mobile Tonnage Report.*
Electric Energy: See Industrial section above.
Gasoline Sales: U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, *Monthly Gasoline Reported by States.*
Passenger Car Registrations: R. L. Polk and Company, National New Vehicle Registration Service, *Passenger Cars Service "D."* (These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of the company.)
Taxable Retail Sales: Alabama Department of Revenue provides input data on computer tape from which this series is compiled by CBER.

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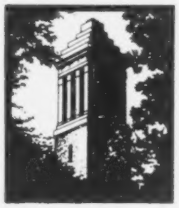

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Federal Allocations to Alabama, Fiscal 1984

By Steve Fowler

Direct federal expenditures or obligations in Alabama amounted to $11.5 billion during fiscal year 1984, according to a report by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. This amount represents an increase of $718.9 million, or 6.7 percent, over fiscal '83 federal allocations to Alabama. By comparison, federal allocations to states increased by only 4.2 percent during fiscal '84.

Alabama's share of the federal pie relative to the shares of other states also increased slightly in fiscal 1984. Federal expenditures and obligations for Alabama made up 1.54 percent of all such allocations to the states in 1983; in 1984 Alabama received 1.58 percent of federal allocations to states.

The *Consolidated Federal Funds Report, Fiscal Year 1984,* presents data on direct federal expenditures and obligations for all fifty states and the District of Columbia. Volume I of the report has data for counties broken down into the categories of grant awards, salaries and wages, direct payments to individuals (retirement, disability, and the like), and procurement contract awards. The report further segregates Department of Defense (DoD) direct spending and obligations. Volume II of the report has less detailed data for cities and towns.

Direct Payments Lead Spending

During fiscal 1984, more than half of federal spending or obligations in Alabama were in the category of direct payments to individuals. According to the report, Alabamians received more than $5.8 billion in direct payments from the U.S. government (which does not include wage and salary payments), 50.6 percent of federal allocations to the state. Direct payments to individuals nationally consumed 44.6 percent of federal allocations to states. Direct payments to Alabamians increased by $171.2 million in fiscal '84 over fiscal '83. Although this represents an increase of only 3.0 percent, direct payments to individuals nationally showed zero growth during fiscal 1984.

Wages and salaries was the second-largest category of direct federal spending in Alabama and amounted to $2.3 billion in fiscal 1984, 19.7 percent of total outlays to the state. This spending level marked an increase of 5.8 percent from fiscal '83, a rate on par for this category nationally.

Defense Increases in Importance

DoD allocations increased slightly in importance to Alabama during fiscal 1984. DoD allocations in Alabama across all categories amounted to almost $2.8 billion and accounted for 24.3 percent of fiscal '84 federal allocations to Alabama. DoD outlays for fiscal '83 amounted to $8.2 billion, 23.8 percent of direct federal spending and obligations to the state. DoD allocations increased by $225.6 million, or 8.8 percent, in fiscal '84 over fiscal '83, which compared to an increase of 7.2 percent for defense outlays to all states. Allocations by non-DoD agencies in Alabama for fiscal '84 increased by $493.3 million, 6.0 percent above fiscal '83 levels. By comparison, non-DoD allocations to all states grew by only 3.1 percent during fiscal '84.

Following the nation's lead, the most dramatic growth rate in federal allocations during fiscal 1984 in Alabama was seen in procurement contract awards. The value of awards of federal procurement contracts in Alabama increased by 20.5 percent in fiscal 1984 over fiscal '83. By comparison, awards of federal procurement contracts to all states increased by 11.0 percent in value during fiscal '84. This category of federal spending and obligations amounted to more than $1.6 billion in Alabama and accounted for 14.3 percent of all fiscal '84 federal allocations to the state. During fiscal '83, procurement contract awards tallied almost $1.4 billion, or 12.7 percent of federal allocations to Alabama. However, Alabama received less than 1 percent of the value of all federal procurement contract awards to the states. In Alabama, 70 percent of the value of procurement contracts awards for fiscal '84 was defense related. Nationally almost 78 percent of procurement contract awards value was defense related.

Allocations to Counties

The distribution of federal expenditures and obligations to counties in Alabama favors those which are population centers and those with large federal civilian or military activities. For grants, some amounts were allocated to Montgomery County, the seat of state government, even when the grants represent payments that were subsequently passed through to local governments or distributed statewide.

Jefferson County, the state's most populous, led all others in federal outlays received during fiscal 1984, according to the report. Jefferson County's federal receipts totalled $1.72 billion, almost 15 percent of the statewide total. Madison County, the state's high-tech center, followed with allocations of $1.66 billion. Third was Montgomery County with $1.27 billion in federal expenditures and obligations. Federal outlays in Coosa County were the smallest in fiscal '84, just over $21 million.

The largest absolute change in federal funding at the county level in Alabama was experienced by Montgomery County, which saw federal support decline by almost $774 million from fiscal 1983. Much of this decline occurred in the grant awards category, and because grant awards may be distributed throughout the state, the resulting impact likely was felt statewide. Barbour, Colbert, Dallas, Fayette, and Jackson counties also experienced declines in federal funding during fiscal '84. Of counties which saw an increase, Madison County received the largest, an amount reaching almost $315 million and 44 percent of the funding increase statewide. Increases occurred across the board in Madison County, with the grant awards and procurement contracts categories receiving notable boosts. Hefty increases were also seen in Jefferson County ($199 million) and Mobile County ($125 million).

Federal allocations on a per capita basis reveal the relative importance of this revenue source among the counties. During fiscal 1984, per capita allocations ranged from $10,063 for Coffee County, far and away the largest in the state, to $1,064 for Shelby County. This finding illustrates the dominance of Ft. Rucker on Coffee County's economy. Allocations to Madison County were $7,846 for each resident, second highest in the state. This figure marks a gain of some $1,400 per capita from fiscal '83 allocations, the largest per capita increase in the state. Calhoun, Colbert, Dale, Jackson, Macon, and Montgomery counties all had federal allocations in excess of $3,000 per capita in fiscal '84. Direct federal expenditures and obligations amounted to $2,790 for each Alabamian for fiscal 1984, an increase of $149 from fiscal '83. The per capita figure nationwide was $3,108 but increased only $59 from fiscal '83, based on Census Bureau estimates of the U.S. population. Population estimates for Alabama and its counties were provided by the Alabama State Data Center.

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1983	1984											
	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production (*1,000 net tons*)	25,869	23,071	1,849	2,181	2,434	2,518	2,211	2,327	2,377	2,056	2,590	2,418	2,517	2,238	2,201
Natural gas production (*1,000,000 cu. ft.*)	133,892	126,576	9,407	10,962	11,264	10,750	11,386	11,920	9,984	10,667	11,898	11,371	11,742	12,156	13,079
Cotton consumption (*1,000 lbs.*)	320,608	360,820	28,336	28,600	31,542	29,964	27,531	30,038	26,733	23,408	29,670	28,420	30,981	26,510	25,242
Crude oil and condensate production (*1,000 barrels*)	20,011	18,708	1,499	1,624	1,578	1,590	1,533	1,673	1,583	1,752	1,680	1,673	1,662	1,696	1,763
Electric energy consumption industrial purposes (*1,000,000 kwh*)	21,431	21,020	1,698	1,827	1,958	1,919	1,983	2,005	2,104	2,039	2,146	2,135	2,097	2,063	1,971
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (*1,000 net tons*)	5,419	6,166	479	532	526	580	571	525	561	534	559	540	571	520	496
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined (*$1,000*)	2,011,200	2,763,700	214,400	224,000	156,200	244,600	174,300	571,700	231,400	210,600	383,400	202,200	230,000	235,000	168,700
Residential	847,200	1,286,500	93,600	96,200	78,600	125,100	104,500	117,500	114,100	105,900	153,200	96,800	84,200	90,300	51,200
Nonresidential	660,000	1,025,800	88,600	110,100	36,300	66,600	47,500	92,500	71,300	60,700	137,900	43,900	88,100	84,200	89,500
Public works and utilities	504,000	451,300	32,200	17,700	41,300	52,900	22,300	361,300	46,400	43,900	84,200	59,300	57,800	60,500	28,000
Cement consumption (*1,000 net tons*)	928	1,086	67	68	87	108	100	112	117	102	110	105	105	100	83
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations (*$1,000,000*)	4,598	5,263	5,263	5,289	5,323	5,389	5,387	5,416	5,492	5,544	5,606	5,681	5,740	5,805	5,887
Tax collections (*$1,000*)															
Total	2,112,332	2,288,165	154,139	205,929	202,747	264,652	234,338	246,438	198,192	195,871	215,569	241,633	225,955	217,523	188,995
Franchise	52,016	52,214	507	302	1,153	28,642	5,879	1,275	2,504	8,422	2,315	6,357	4,799	2,537	292
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	197,894	199,587	16,044	18,417	16,305	15,305	17,523	17,585	17,564	17,504	17,752	18,217	16,284	17,697	16,942
Income	765,160	815,838	53,073	49,125	95,328	130,393	82,889	130,465	81,367	42,840	90,776	92,998	48,127	88,819	76,705
Motor fuels	41,505	45,027	3,906	3,415	4,409	3,448	3,899	4,703	3,735	3,580	5,287	3,166	4,583	5,374	4,679
Oil, gas privilege	36,891	89,645	4,424	5,742	5,924	5,475	5,164	5,571	5,438	5,605	9,662	5,294	5,319	4,829	6,159
Oil, gas production	18,510	17,290	1,146	1,465	1,565	1,442	1,384	1,480	1,437	1,478	1,322	1,409	1,413	1,287	1,649
Sales	562,208	609,132	49,930	67,569	49,655	50,142	55,808	56,985	58,145	57,514	56,957	58,767	81,495	58,477	52,785
2.2% Gross receipts	44,104	46,185	6	13,504	152	9	13,448	210	1	13,723		15	13,638	66	
TVA electric	35,999	31,290	2,867	5,734		2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	6,895		3,451	3,451
Tobacco	70,885	68,915	6,081	5,485	4,985	5,418	5,734	6,072	6,211	5,980	6,516	6,380	5,990	5,939	5,313
Use	67,876	66,519	459	15,067	1,975	1,045	15,351	2,019	604	16,868	1,310	1,419	18,146	1,389	531
Utility	134,597	152,287	11,079	14,760	15,900	13,171	11,714	9,654	11,225	12,587	14,277	12,234	10,527	11,889	13,322
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. (*1967 = 100*)															
All items	288.8	298.4	303.5	305.2	306.6	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5
Food	285.7	291.7	293.9	299.4	302.1	302.2	302.3	301.4	302.0	303.2	304.8	304.2	304.4	304.1	305.1
Housing	314.7	323.1	327.4	329.2	331.0	331.5	333.2	334.6	336.2	338.1	339.5	341.4	341.2	340.9	341.2
Fuel and utilities	350.8	370.3	370.6	376.0	383.0	380.1	380.9	385.5	390.0	393.9	395.5	397.0	392.4	387.5	386.0
Apparel and upkeep	191.8	196.5	199.3	196.4	196.2	198.8	199.2	198.9	197.4	196.6	200.1	204.2	205.7	205.2	203.2
Transportation	291.5	298.4	306.3	306.0	305.8	306.9	309.6	312.2	313.1	312.9	312.9	313.7	315.5	316.1	315.8
Medical care	328.7	357.3	366.2	369.5	373.2	374.5	375.7	376.8	378.0	380.3	381.9	383.1	385.5	387.5	388.5
Energy	416.0	419.3	418.0	416.7	420.2	418.1	421.3	426.1	428.5	428.3	427.3	429.0	426.7	421.8	418.9
Producer Price Index, U.S. (*1967 = 100*)															
All commodities	299.3	303.1	306.1	308.0	309.9	311.0	311.3	311.5	311.3	311.9	310.7	309.3	309.4	310.4	309.9
Industrial commodities	312.3	315.7	318.4	319.1	320.6	321.9	322.6	323.2	323.8	323.9	323.3	322.2	323.2	323.8	323.0
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers (*1977 = 100*)	115.8	121.3	131.0	140.0	138.0	138.0	138.0	134.0	127.0	129.0	121.0	122.0	115.0	119.0	114.0
Purchasing power of the dollar U.S. (*1967 = $1.000*)															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	346	335	329	328	326	325	324	323	322	321	319	318	317	317	317
Wholesale prices	334	330	327	325	324	322	321	321	321	321	322	323	323	322	323
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force (*1,000 workers*)	1,711.0	1,758.0	1,760.5	1,745.9	1,753.1	1,766.2	1,790.3	1,804.8	1,821.5	1,815.0	1,807.5	1,808.3	1,816.4	1,801.5	1,797.5
Unemployment	246.0	240.0	197.6	213.5	205.4	203.6	191.5	188.8	200.6	211.6	196.0	197.9	190.8	192.3	208.0
Unemployment rate	14.4	13.7	11.2	12.2	11.7	11.5	10.7	10.5	11.0	11.7	10.8	10.9	10.5	10.7	11.6
Employment	1,465.0	1,518.0	1,562.9	1,532.4	1,547.7	1,562.6	1,598.8	1,616.0	1,620.9	1,603.4	1,611.5	1,610.4	1,625.6	1,609.2	1,589.5
Nonagricultural	1,312.5	1,328.8	1,364.2	1,345.7	1,354.6	1,362.1	1,379.7	1,385.8	1,403.1	1,391.6	1,396.3	1,390.8	1,398.0	1,400.4	1,394.5
Manufacturing	337.8	340.9	352.5	350.5	353.3	355.9	361.4	363.1	367.2	358.8	364.6	358.3	360.5	358.8	349.0
Durable goods	159.1	159.2	166.8	165.6	168.0	170.9	173.4	174.6	177.1	175.7	176.7	176.0	175.5	175.2	173.6
Lumber and wood products	25.1	27.9	28.8	28.2	28.4	29.2	29.4	29.8	30.4	30.6	30.8	30.4	30.1	29.5	29.4
Stone, clay, glass products	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.5	8.6	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.2
Primary metals	29.6	24.8	24.8	25.2	25.5	26.4	26.6	26.9	27.0	26.5	26.9	26.5	26.2	26.6	26.3
Blast furn. and steel works	8.8	5.7	6.1	6.6	7.1	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3
Iron and steel foundries	11.4	10.5	9.9	10.0	9.6	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.5
Fabricated metals	22.8	21.8	22.8	22.4	22.7	22.7	22.9	23.0	23.1	23.2	23.4	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.2
Machinery (excl. electrical)		14.8	16.2	16.6	16.9	17.4	17.6	17.7	18.0	18.0	17.9	18.1	17.8	18.0	18.0
Electrical, electronic equip.		21.8	22.8	22.4	22.7	22.6	22.9	23.1	23.5	23.3	23.3	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.6
Transportation	22.6	21.7	23.3	23.3	23.8	24.2	25.0	25.2	25.9	25.8	26.0	26.2	26.6	25.9	25.7
Other durable goods	16.0	17.7	19.5	19.0	19.4	19.6	20.0	19.9	20.2	19.3	19.3	19.2	19.4	19.7	19.2
Nondurable goods	178.8	181.7	185.7	184.9	185.3	185.0	188.0	188.5	190.1	183.1	187.9	182.3	185.0	183.6	175.4
Food	26.5	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.0	27.1	27.5	27.8	28.2	28.3	28.4	28.4	28.8	29.0	28.2
Textile mill products	38.8	39.1	40.2	40.4	40.5	40.6	40.8	40.7	40.2	38.5	39.8	37.7	37.8	37.5	36.9
Apparel	53.0	54.9	56.3	55.8	56.1	55.5	57.3	57.6	58.3	52.8	56.3	53.3	55.5	54.2	47.2
Paper and allied products	21.0	21.5	21.5	21.3	21.1	21.0	21.2	21.2	21.7	21.7	21.5	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.1
Printing and publishing	10.2	10.6	11.2	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.4	11.3	11.4
Chemicals and allied products	13.1	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.9
Rubber products	13.8	14.8	15.4	15.4	15.5	15.6	15.8	15.7	16.1	16.3	16.3	16.3	16.2	16.3	16.5
Other nondurable goods	2.4	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Nonmanufacturing	974.7	987.9	1,011.7	995.2	1,001.3	1,006.2	1,018.3	1,022.7	1,035.9	1,032.8	1,031.7	1,032.5	1,037.5	1,041.6	1,045.5
Mining and quarrying	16.2	13.7	13.8	13.8	13.9	13.9	14.2	14.3	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.2	14.6	14.7
Bituminous coal mining	12.1	10.3	9.5	9.1	9.8	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	9.6	10.0	10.3
Contract construction	56.8	59.8	61.1	57.8	60.1	61.2	62.8	64.2	66.8	67.4	67.4	67.9	66.2	65.2	66.6
Trans., comm., and utilities	71.1	69.7	71.3	70.3	70.6	71.0	71.5	72.3	73.4	72.7	73.2	72.5	72.7	72.5	72.4
Trade	267.4	273.3	288.3	278.1	277.5	279.9	285.4	287.7	291.3	292.1	295.2	296.3	296.2	299.9	303.5
Wholesale	70.0	70.1	71.7	70.9	71.3	71.8	72.8	73.1	74.3	74.8	74.8	74.7	74.7	75.0	74.9
Retail	197.4	203.1	216.6	207.2	206.2	208.1	212.6	214.6	217.0	217.3	220.4	221.6	221.5	224.9	228.6
Finance, insurance, real estate	58.8	59.9	60.9	60.9	61.1	61.5	61.9	62.2	63.0	63.5	63.4	63.2	63.2	63.5	63.8
Service and miscellaneous	214.4	218.9	221.9	221.4	223.1	225.5	228.6	228.3	229.6	228.6	228.6	228.9	229.8	228.6	228.7
Government	290.1	292.7	294.4	292.9	295.0	293.2	293.9	293.7	297.2	293.9	289.2	288.9	295.2	297.3	295.8
Federal	65.1	65.3	67.9	65.6	64.9	63.5	64.0	64.1	64.5	64.8	65.1	65.0	65.0	65.4	65.5
State and local	224.9	227.3	226.5	227.3	230.1	229.7	229.9	229.6	232.7	229.1	224.1	223.9	230.2	231.9	230.3

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983	1984											
	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	176,752	207,309	11,998	17,938	16,014	16,084	14,672	17,512	18,528	20,564	20,649	16,081	21,966	18,684	13,391
Nonagricultural placements	66,900	91,100	5,114	5,741	5,509	6,477	7,082	7,314	9,582	14,871	14,203	7,719	7,844	6,543	4,876
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	632,290	428,181	35,738	75,004	29,677	28,150	24,214	25,009	23,457	50,560	37,376	29,346	36,116	35,891	41,032
Payments *($1,000)*	233,984	191,868	13,999	18,452	15,901	15,566	11,949	13,048	12,192	13,536	15,564	12,258	13,716	14,253	16,158
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,080	15,780	15,460	15,370	15,290	15,410	15,650	15,740	15,790	15,620	15,640	15,780	15,800	16,070	15,920
	15.0	14.1	10.8	11.5	10.2	9.8	9.4	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.4	9.3	8.6	10.9	10.5
Baldwin	33,390	33,830	33,760	34,420	34,700	34,800	35,000	34,840	35,460	35,830	35,400	37,450	35,440	35,630	37,380
	12.1	12.3	11.8	12.4	12.2	11.5	9.7	8.6	8.9	10.0	9.3	14.8	8.9	9.7	14.7
Barbour	11,510	11,980	11,520	11,620	11,780	11,920	12,150	12,410	12,380	12,300	12,320	12,480	12,740	12,340	12,200
	16.2	13.1	10.8	11.5	10.7	9.2	9.1	9.0	9.6	10.3	9.7	10.9	12.7	10.7	12.4
Bibb	5,670	5,940	5,690	6,090	5,910	6,130	6,320	6,275	6,370	6,320	6,380	6,310	6,250	6,300	6,210
	22.8	19.6	18.0	22.3	17.5	17.8	17.2	16.1	14.5	14.5	16.7	14.3	13.0	15.6	19.9
Blount	14,050	13,520	12,890	16,460	16,690	17,740	16,710	16,610	16,710	16,990	16,450	16,520	16,640	16,690	16,990
	19.9	18.1	14.0	12.2	12.6	17.1	10.5	9.4	9.2	11.1	8.6	9.1	9.5	10.4	11.8
Bullock	4,480	4,530	4,410	4,230	4,200	4,220	4,360	4,500	4,580	4,560	4,670	4,730	4,980	4,730	4,500
	18.3	17.2	15.2	14.3	12.8	12.4	11.3	11.1	14.8	17.1	16.9	14.4	16.0	14.8	17.6
Butler	9,960	9,900	9,720	9,590	9,550	9,630	9,770	9,810	9,880	9,920	9,870	10,000	10,190	9,710	9,650
	20.3	17.3	12.0	15.3	14.1	14.1	12.7	12.7	14.0	15.1	14.4	13.1	13.4	13.2	13.1
Calhoun	45,620	46,560	46,520	46,040	46,210	46,560	47,070	47,360	47,830	48,570	48,190	47,840	48,210	48,110	48,020
	15.1	13.1	11.3	12.1	11.5	11.4	10.1	10.0	10.6	13.7	11.7	10.5	11.2	11.5	11.2
Chambers	16,280	16,920	16,760	16,390	16,520	16,560	16,880	16,940	16,890	16,870	16,570	16,380	16,200	15,930	15,960
	11.3	9.8	7.8	8.4	8.8	8.6	8.9	10.5	10.9	11.6	9.7	9.0	8.9	8.3	8.4
Cherokee	11,390	11,400	10,860	11,400	11,310	11,400	11,800	11,930	11,130	11,580	12,090	12,320	12,290	11,620	11,080
	14.8	15.4	11.1	12.6	15.2	18.6	10.7	10.9	18.7	18.1	8.7	8.3	16.1	15.6	15.8
Chilton	13,450	15,420	15,360	16,650	16,490	16,510	16,200	16,510	16,290	16,020	16,070	15,950	16,030	15,980	15,520
	15.6	13.3	10.5	11.0	10.2	10.6	10.8	10.5	11.2	11.8	11.7	10.9	11.3	13.1	12.8
Choctaw	5,280	5,560	5,500	5,600	5,610	5,620	5,750	6,000	5,790	5,810	5,730	6,050	5,850	5,820	5,930
	15.3	15.2	12.8	13.4	14.3	14.6	12.8	13.8	14.1	18.4	14.4	22.4	18.6	15.1	22.9
Clarke	10,450	10,810	10,560	10,710	10,550	10,630	10,540	10,640	10,690	10,880	10,600	10,810	10,400	10,540	10,550
	15.9	16.2	13.8	14.3	13.4	12.8	12.2	12.7	12.9	15.0	13.1	19.8	12.9	14.0	18.7
Clay	7,400	7,520	7,510	7,260	7,330	7,450	7,590	7,760	7,600	7,560	7,740	7,740	7,670	7,610	7,580
	13.5	13.8	10.7	11.7	11.0	10.7	10.1	10.8	11.7	12.0	11.7	10.5	8.6	9.7	12.8
Cleburne	5,080	5,210	5,160	5,090	5,170	5,240	5,180	5,220	5,270	5,490	5,170	5,240	5,310	5,320	5,310
	14.5	12.5	9.7	10.4	9.9	10.2	8.6	8.6	10.5	14.2	10.0	8.1	8.2	11.7	12.0
Coffee	19,410	20,040	19,700	19,560	19,810	19,920	20,020	20,470	20,510	20,450	20,350	20,410	20,900	20,250	19,890
	11.8	10.8	9.6	9.0	9.5	9.1	7.7	8.2	8.2	8.7	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.3
Colbert	23,620	24,050	23,520	23,040	23,590	23,660	24,190	24,030	24,430	24,200	24,120	24,080	23,810	23,920	23,880
	19.0	18.5	15.5	17.4	18.5	17.2	17.2	16.1	16.2	16.7	15.4	15.2	14.7	15.5	16.6
Conecuh	6,820	7,010	7,120	6,910	6,860	6,960	7,060	7,290	7,160	7,170	7,060	7,680	7,420	7,350	7,650
	13.9	12.7	13.7	12.3	12.8	11.8	10.8	10.1	10.9	11.5	9.6	14.7	10.5	10.6	15.3
Coosa	5,630	5,570	5,520	5,480	5,510	5,470	5,550	5,590	5,570	5,540	5,620	5,770	5,710	5,700	5,690
	10.8	10.3	7.8	8.4	8.3	7.5	7.6	6.9	8.4	8.1	8.6	9.1	7.2	8.0	8.4
Covington	15,630	16,340	16,160	16,250	16,370	16,370	16,390	16,490	16,470	16,390	16,470	16,250	16,520	16,090	16,360
	13.5	12.3	11.3	11.4	12.1	10.7	9.7	9.0	9.2	10.6	9.4	8.0	8.9	8.6	10.8
Crenshaw	6,830	7,220	6,820	6,910	7,120	7,170	7,490	7,760	7,550	7,390	7,510	7,950	7,840	7,440	7,340
	13.8	12.1	8.6	10.9	10.1	11.3	9.5	10.3	9.8	10.3	9.5	16.0	8.0	9.1	16.7
Cullman	27,400	28,710	28,050	28,060	28,580	28,610	29,540	29,890	29,840	29,670	30,220	30,070	30,600	29,960	29,470
	17.2	14.7	10.7	12.8	13.1	12.4	10.4	9.7	10.3	11.0	12.3	9.6	10.4	12.3	13.9
Dale	12,410	12,980	12,630	21,860	22,120	22,560	22,880	23,040	23,070	22,850	22,690	22,960	23,210	22,920	22,640
	13.1	13.7	11.5	7.7	7.9	8.5	7.8	7.5	7.7	8.7	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.2	6.9
Dallas	23,870	23,640	22,910	22,460	22,470	22,440	22,970	23,110	23,490	23,430	23,660	23,510	23,690	23,250	23,140
	17.3	17.5	14.7	15.6	15.3	14.8	15.1	14.3	15.4	16.3	16.9	16.0	16.5	16.0	15.8
DeKalb	28,460	29,950	28,890	29,340	29,500	29,680	30,760	31,290	31,700	32,030	31,660	31,050	31,330	30,940	30,670
	13.4	13.8	11.6	13.0	11.3	11.1	10.2	9.9	10.5	10.9	9.5	9.7	10.2	10.8	12.4
Elmore	19,880	20,770	20,250	20,130	20,220	20,460	20,770	21,020	21,130	20,890	20,900	20,940	21,020	20,910	20,810
	13.3	12.2	8.4	8.6	8.1	8.1	7.6	7.7	7.9	7.8	7.3	7.5	7.0	7.4	7.4
Escambia	16,470	17,430	17,440	17,620	17,700	17,500	17,980	18,220	18,470	18,270	18,140	18,610	18,100	18,270	18,360
	13.2	12.6	12.6	12.7	12.0	10.9	10.6	11.1	10.6	10.8	10.1	16.9	10.3	11.8	17.0
Etowah	42,720	42,450	41,370	41,830	41,830	41,990	42,410	42,270	42,710	43,080	43,190	43,200	43,020	42,890	42,870
	20.5	17.5	13.5	14.4	14.0	13.5	13.0	11.9	12.1	13.7	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.9	14.7
Fayette	9,830	10,170	10,160	10,080	10,200	10,340	10,460	10,550	10,460	10,390	10,570	10,580	10,570	10,610	10,440
	11.4	11.7	9.7	9.4	8.7	9.1	8.6	8.2	8.7	9.8	10.1	8.9	10.3	10.5	12.2
Franklin	13,310	14,200	14,010	14,350	14,780	14,990	14,950	15,090	15,200	15,340	14,930	14,520	14,610	14,550	14,560
	18.4	18.2	16.6	24.0	21.1	20.9	17.5	17.1	15.6	20.8	17.3	16.2	15.7	17.9	18.9
Geneva	10,800	11,400	11,470	11,170	11,110	11,270	11,620	11,940	12,220	12,060	11,740	11,920	12,370	11,900	11,560
	11.4	10.5	9.4	9.2	8.5	8.4	8.1	7.6	7.5	9.4	7.2	6.8	8.3	8.3	8.9
Greene	4,560	4,610	4,420	4,550	4,840	4,600	4,730	4,690	4,820	4,800	4,840	4,910	4,880	4,750	4,740
	17.0	16.7	15.4	19.4	18.3	16.5	15.8	14.7	15.3	15.7	15.8	18.3	17.0	17.4	20.8
Hale	4,980	5,310	5,270	5,440	5,280	5,290	5,480	5,530	5,490	5,630	5,480	5,580	5,590	5,490	5,480
	20.7	16.6	18.2	19.9	17.6	16.3	16.0	14.6	16.5	20.6	17.3	16.7	14.8	16.3	18.3
Henry	7,010	7,260	7,140	6,860	6,940	6,920	7,290	7,590	7,400	7,250	7,320	7,580	7,750	7,480	7,150
	12.2	11.2	9.4	10.5	9.3	8.0	8.1	8.3	9.0	10.4	9.7	9.6	9.0	10.3	10.2
Houston	39,040	40,070	39,630	35,420	35,360	35,890	36,480	37,040	37,110	36,930	36,460	36,860	37,340	37,050	36,620
	10.0	10.8	9.2	9.8	8.7	8.9	8.4	8.9	9.1	10.5	8.5	8.5	8.8	9.1	8.8
Jackson	21,080	20,800	19,980	19,700	19,790	19,630	20,060	19,920	19,700	20,260	19,550	19,420	19,710	19,840	19,840
	20.4	22.0	20.7	19.7	19.7	17.8	15.5	14.3	15.5	21.3	15.4	14.0	14.1	14.7	19.3
Jefferson	306,120	310,270	303,270	297,210	297,930	301,260	304,620	305,490	309,490	308,440	305,990	304,420	305,220	300,770	301,180
	13.8	12.8	10.1	10.8	10.2	10.5	10.0	9.7	10.1	10.1	9.8	9.5	9.5	8.8	8.8
Lamar	8,330	8,820	8,730	8,980	9,030	9,170	9,320	9,410	9,550	9,490	9,320	9,410	9,480	9,530	9,460
	13.5	9.8	7.3	7.8	7.2	6.8	6.5	7.1	8.5	8.8	7.4	7.0	6.5	7.2	7.1
Lauderdale	34,260	34,810	34,350	34,540	35,110	35,360	35,530	35,540	36,270	36,170	36,140	35,930	35,880	35,660	35,060
	17.5	16.9	14.5	16.4	16.9	16.0	14.6	13.9	14.4	15.5	14.4	13.9	14.2	14.0	13.8
Lawrence	14,310	14,490	13,380	13,310	13,450	13,390	13,670	13,810	13,600	13,510	13,400	13,390	13,470	13,330	13,010
	18.9	18.7	16.9	17.3	17.0	15.7	15.8	15.6	14.6	15.2	13.7	13.5	13.0	14.6	14.8
Lee	34,330	36,140	35,890	37,610	37,950	37,890	38,470	39,050	39,530	38,290	38,310	37,820	38,820	39,080	38,850
	9.4	8.4	6.0	6.4	6.3	5.8	6.2	6.1	7.6	7.4	7.3	6.9	6.8	6.1	5.7
Limestone	22,840	23,940	23,780	19,330	19,610	19,540	20,140	20,400	20,170	20,060	20,130	20,650	21,100	20,830	20,740
	13.6	11.0	8.5	12.2	12.2	11.7	11.1	10.3	10.7	11.4	11.0	10.0	9.6	9.2	10.4
Lowndes	4,960	5,320	5,290	4,960	4,990	4,970	5,070	5,150	5,160	5,110	5,150	5,180	5,150	5,190	5,070
	19.2	17.6	14.3	18.2	17.0	16.8	20.1	18.4	19.3	20.4	19.9	18.9	17.1	16.4	16.7
Macon	7,820	8,000	7,760	7,870	7,900	7,810	7,960	8,040	8,390	8,360	8,310	8,070	8,540	8,300	8,210
	14.9	13.5	11.4	11.2	10.4	9.7	10.0	9.6	13.9	13.8	13.6	11.6	10.6	9.5	9.4
Madison	94,570	100,410	100,970	112,770	112,750	114,780	115,640	117,260	119,290	118,900	119,890	119,640	121,170	120,430	120,830
	10.7	9.2	7.7	8.3	7.6	8.0	7.1	6.8	7.2	7.3	6.6	6.3	6.8	6.3	6.7
Marengo	9,690	9,920	9,640	9,320	9,310	9,470	9,470	9,670	9,800	10,000	9,760	10,250	9,960	9,720	9,930
	15.4	15.4	12.9	13.5	12.8	13.5	12.2	12.0	13.3	15.7	12.3	20.0	13.9	12.3	18.8
Marion	13,300	13,760	13,250	13,340	13,310	13,340	13,520	13,630	13,770	13,810	13,680	13,530	13,710	13,620	13,750
	18.3	19.4	15.6	16.8	15.8	15.3	13.5	12.0	11.5	13.4	14.7	14.0	15.4	16.5	19.6
Marshall	33,020	34,920	34,960	31,980	32,330	32,630	33,010	33,400	33,460	33,720	33,060	33,120	33,390	32,900	33,560
	14.8	13.0	11.2	13.7	13.6	12.6	11.5	10.7	11.5	16.1	11.3	10.8	10.7	10.8	17.9
Mobile	158,750	163,820	158,390	160,150	160,530	161,840	164,630	165,770	168,260	167,720	167,210	164,480	166,680	165,400	164,050
	14.0	15.9	12.9	14.4	13.7	13.5	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.7	11.8	11.9	11.6	11.6

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983	1984											
	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	10,360	10,770	10,900	10,770	10,810	10,760	10,940	10,830	11,010	10,900	10,950	12,520	11,050	11,170	11,940
	14.2	12.6	12.4	14.1	13.4	12.4	12.1	10.2	12.7	12.5	11.9	32.7	13.2	14.4	31.2
Montgomery	88,090	92,650	92,810	93,450	94,230	94,780	96,410	97,250	98,700	97,650	97,560	97,000	98,200	97,130	96,920
	11.1	10.6	9.3	9.5	9.4	8.8	8.5	8.3	9.4	9.3	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.6
Morgan	37,450	37,990	37,080	37,780	37,860	38,240	39,280	39,640	40,140	39,680	39,200	39,070	38,880	38,390	38,300
	16.1	14.5	11.9	12.9	12.1	12.5	11.6	11.2	11.7	11.9	11.0	11.2	10.9	10.8	10.6
Perry	5,690	5,860	5,780	5,540	5,410	5,500	5,680	5,770	5,920	5,890	5,970	5,990	6,030	6,130	6,010
	15.7	14.8	19.2	20.9	14.1	11.5	10.4	10.0	10.9	12.1	11.8	10.8	10.0	16.4	21.2
Pickens	7,550	7,630	7,600	7,110	7,110	6,980	7,040	7,200	7,270	7,170	7,140	7,030	7,070	7,000	6,900
	19.7	17.7	16.3	16.6	16.1	15.4	15.3	17.3	16.2	16.3	15.9	13.8	13.8	16.7	16.8
Pike	13,260	13,770	12,960	13,100	13,240	13,470	13,550	13,690	13,670	13,440	13,680	13,470	14,570	13,800	13,060
	13.4	13.7	11.9	11.1	10.9	11.6	9.5	9.0	10.1	10.4	10.2	10.3	8.7	8.7	10.7
Randolph	9,710	9,170	8,950	8,940	8,880	8,590	8,610	8,740	8,780	9,160	8,770	8,720	8,930	8,790	8,590
	21.7	17.8	13.8	16.4	14.7	15.3	13.2	13.3	14.4	22.2	17.0	15.7	14.1	12.0	10.7
Russell	17,990	18,320	18,210	19,240	18,610	18,540	18,830	19,090	20,460	19,650	19,310	19,040	19,190	20,070	19,480
	16.7	13.7	11.5	16.2	13.0	11.2	11.3	11.8	17.1	13.4	10.9	10.8	11.1	14.7	12.3
St. Clair	18,980	19,350	19,280	19,070	19,280	18,930	19,290	19,260	19,490	19,350	19,370	19,750	19,460	19,670	19,910
	14.7	14.2	13.2	12.8	12.9	10.7	10.8	10.1	10.4	10.1	10.6	12.4	10.9	12.5	13.4
Shelby	29,940	30,510	30,220	31,510	31,400	31,150	31,780	32,170	32,780	32,640	32,170	31,760	31,990	31,940	31,650
	13.0	12.4	10.9	12.0	10.9	9.5	9.7	10.3	11.2	11.2	10.3	9.3	9.7	10.2	9.2
Sumter	6,810	6,990	6,850	7,000	6,990	7,180	7,560	7,360	7,470	7,220	7,070	7,270	7,470	7,180	7,220
	17.7	14.3	9.9	11.0	9.9	11.0	12.3	9.9	12.8	13.3	12.7	10.7	10.1	11.5	13.5
Talladega	30,840	32,030	31,300	30,420	30,300	30,690	31,050	31,150	31,970	31,250	31,530	32,230	30,750	31,360	31,140
	19.2	17.1	13.0	14.3	13.9	14.5	14.7	14.3	16.1	15.5	16.7	20.8	14.3	16.9	16.9
Tallapoosa	16,900	16,580	16,620	16,760	16,910	17,070	17,350	17,370	17,850	17,780	17,810	17,290	17,290	17,160	17,010
	13.5	12.2	9.9	9.9	9.5	9.4	8.7	8.4	9.6	10.0	10.4	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.6
Tuscaloosa	55,530	56,520	56,400	56,690	56,900	57,710	58,580	59,210	58,230	57,550	58,040	58,450	58,940	58,770	58,670
	12.6	12.5	10.3	10.4	9.9	10.1	9.1	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	8.7	9.1	9.0	9.1
Walker	31,760	32,980	33,020	32,520	32,540	32,630	32,170	32,380	32,440	32,410	32,240	32,110	32,340	33,040	33,830
	15.0	16.1	15.6	15.9	15.2	14.8	12.1	12.2	11.6	11.8	11.8	11.5	12.0	14.4	16.3
Washington	6,200	6,380	6,210	6,210	6,320	6,510	6,450	6,680	6,460	6,620	6,410	6,730	6,670	6,450	6,380
	16.9	20.0	15.7	16.1	16.3	16.6	15.6	18.7	17.6	21.5	18.2	20.8	18.8	16.9	19.4
Wilcox	6,380	5,860	5,320	5,340	5,370	5,260	5,420	5,580	5,800	5,680	5,620	5,530	5,540	5,370	5,190
	18.7	20.3	17.1	16.9	16.2	15.9	15.3	15.7	15.9	16.7	15.3	14.7	14.2	13.5	13.3
Winston	8,480	9,150	8,960	9,150	9,400	9,160	9,200	9,410	9,290	9,080	9,060	9,060	9,460	9,370	9,530
	22.5	18.6	16.5	21.8	24.0	19.0	17.5	18.6	16.5	17.4	17.5	17.1	20.5	21.1	24.4
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	551,093	643,182	46,894	51,145	40,064	53,684	72,261	83,186	44,217	90,034	54,364	68,859	64,093	41,830	62,625
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	8,142	6,288	423	583	508	232	718	905	769	988	1,019	1,032	971	477	1,282
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	1,222,158	788,611	64,282	69,760	39,449	46,631	32,516	60,111	47,488	31,808	44,217	42,139	62,763	80,528	65,538
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	14,577	9,496	868	1,731	1,283	1,667	2,096	1,930	1,915	1,292	2,293	1,719	2,353	1,892	1,739
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile *(1,000 tons)*	39,655	34,916	2,653	3,017	2,522	3,015	3,110	3,266	3,413	3,307	3,549	3,362	3,445	3,524	3,262
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	22,680	23,017	1,884	2,494	2,093	1,793	1,604	1,607	1,968	2,445	2,384	2,339	1,861	1,785	1,911
Gasoline sales *(1,000 gallons)*	1,840,396	1,861,406	168,460	150,958	141,858	162,105	162,606	162,470	161,968	163,798	168,845	150,779	163,960	157,127	158,793
New passenger car registrations *(number)*	100,717	122,393	11,751	10,453	11,116	11,051	11,616	13,890	12,648	12,806	12,579	10,981	11,452	11,547	11,757
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals *($1,000,000)*															
Food	....	....	....	288	281	305	305	301	303	311	294	310	289	287	322
General stores with food and gas	....	....	....	13	12	14	15	15	16	15	15	15	15	14	14
General merchandise	....	....	....	157	144	176	191	191	196	176	190	179	185	238	349
Apparel	....	....	....	35	34	46	52	45	47	41	48	44	45	52	73
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	....	....	....	41	40	44	43	44	45	47	46	43	46	48	52
Automotive	....	....	....	211	234	275	259	281	288	268	281	243	257	243	230
Gasoline service stations	....	....	....	22	22	25	25	26	26	26	26	24	26	23	23
Lumber and building materials	....	....	....	55	61	73	77	81	82	79	80	79	81	75	64
Hardware and farm implements	....	....	....	27	29	37	39	40	40	38	38	37	37	35	30
Eating places	....	....	....	95	97	112	102	104	106	112	117	110	108	105	110
Drug stores	....	....	....	22	21	21	21	24	25	19	21	20	20	21	29
All other retail	....	....	....	153	156	173	175	176	181	169	184	178	180	186	228
Total sales by retail concerns	....	....	....	1,117	1,130	1,302	1,304	1,329	1,354	1,301	1,340	1,283	1,290	1,329	1,523
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	....	....	....	190	188	213	214	228	228	218	228	230	225	212	231
Total all sales at retail	....	....	....	1,308	1,317	1,516	1,517	1,557	1,582	1,519	1,568	1,513	1,515	1,540	1,754
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	....	....	....	36,224	36,373	42,586	42,254	43,098	43,687	41,925	42,695	41,637	43,256	43,705	48,712
Birmingham	....	....	....	350,980	363,625	421,259	417,088	429,621	433,988	415,950	441,308	425,125	418,164	421,472	478,617
Dothan	....	....	....	43,801	47,680	53,484	52,862	56,011	57,229	53,804	54,940	50,597	54,536	53,520	61,126
Florence	....	....	....	42,222	43,478	50,265	51,026	51,571	52,273	51,039	52,206	49,279	51,753	52,188	62,000
Gadsden	....	....	....	32,543	32,361	37,607	38,361	38,951	39,527	41,772	41,062	37,010	38,324	36,806	43,204
Huntsville	....	....	....	74,343	77,028	85,504	85,663	88,061	89,067	86,505	89,790	84,875	87,017	91,507	106,493
Mobile	....	....	....	149,193	150,628	173,137	177,423	179,620	185,894	179,402	169,796	170,294	159,615	159,414	191,743
Montgomery	....	....	....	99,383	102,823	116,574	117,041	122,692	124,741	119,631	121,976	117,277	116,139	123,986	141,128
Tuscaloosa	....	....	....	47,063	45,373	51,856	50,659	52,063	53,322	51,062	55,372	53,455	53,118	52,810	63,046
Counties															
Autauga	....	....	....	6,750	6,981	7,967	8,238	8,135	8,431	8,420	8,196	8,064	7,864	8,188	9,024
Baldwin	....	....	....	22,302	24,507	28,073	28,689	30,045	30,896	31,157	30,447	27,983	26,803	26,483	28,077
Barbour	....	....	....	4,951	4,784	5,878	5,893	6,202	6,334	6,188	6,656	5,580	6,071	6,041	6,490
Bibb	....	....	....	2,797	2,970	3,282	3,314	3,674	3,711	3,266	3,621	3,269	3,500	3,779	4,124
Blount	....	....	....	6,056	6,128	6,974	7,144	7,750	7,927	7,471	8,243	7,348	7,948	7,400	8,495
Bullock	....	....	....	2,107	2,142	2,143	2,123	1,977	2,001	2,014	2,106	2,178	1,841	2,101	2,498
Butler	....	....	....	5,521	4,604	5,453	5,554	5,364	5,473	5,667	5,679	5,567	5,130	5,450	5,573
Calhoun	....	....	....	36,224	36,373	42,586	42,254	43,098	43,687	41,925	42,695	41,637	43,256	43,705	48,712
Chambers	....	....	....	8,075	7,890	9,214	9,078	9,382	8,917	8,920	8,829	8,444	9,081	9,165	9,716
Cherokee	....	....	....	3,446	3,634	3,913	4,128	4,340	4,432	3,861	4,172	3,745	4,012	3,760	4,235
Chilton	....	....	....	6,947	7,004	8,129	8,266	8,494	8,634	8,029	8,480	7,832	8,742	8,767	9,645
Choctaw	....	....	....	2,995	2,759	3,203	3,039	2,922	3,007	3,097	3,197	2,813	2,702	2,905	3,148
Clarke	....	....	....	6,232	7,229	8,280	8,615	7,847	7,971	7,671	8,026	8,221	7,685	7,914	9,747
Clay	....	....	....	1,884	1,877	2,294	2,220	2,239	2,285	2,169	2,259	2,186	2,165	2,218	2,530
Cleburne	....	....	....	1,686	1,611	1,937	1,951	1,986	2,000	2,093	1,897	1,753	1,868	1,699	1,649
Coffee	....	....	....	13,469	14,295	16,957	16,213	16,490	16,275	14,951	15,276	14,298	14,303	14,852	17,182

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983	1984											
	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	......	......	......	17.564	18.128	20.907	21.049	21.733	22.029	21.510	21.616	20.065	20.874	20.279	23.097
Conecuh	......	......	......	2.505	2.723	3.441	3.132	3.069	3.034	2.968	2.860	4.320	2.822	2.917	3.505
Coosa	......	......	......	619	525	723	714	700	671	754	821	812	816	811	864
Covington	......	......	......	9.580	10.588	12.109	11.557	11.618	11.830	11.245	11.669	10.797	10.826	10.487	12.487
Crenshaw	......	......	......	2.377	2.302	2.509	2.537	2.532	2.581	2.452	2.334	2.171	2.658	3.061	3.009
Cullman	......	......	......	15.926	16.817	19.756	20.048	20.181	20.945	20.006	19.894	19.124	21.016	20.272	22.982
Dale	......	......	......	7.035	7.619	8.766	8.492	8.857	8.984	8.944	8.834	8.906	8.834	8.771	9.857
Dallas	......	......	......	14.219	14.086	16.687	16.519	17.220	17.386	16.274	16.456	16.131	17.037	17.022	18.728
DeKalb	......	......	......	13.350	13.021	13.813	14.701	15.505	15.837	14.959	15.491	14.916	15.215	15.750	16.310
Elmore	......	......	......	7.199	7.516	8.428	8.221	8.865	9.047	8.624	9.008	8.771	8.120	8.262	9.553
Escambia	......	......	......	9.860	10.622	12.089	12.450	11.746	11.940	11.383	11.532	11.243	12.238	11.839	14.417
Etowah	......	......	......	32.543	32.361	37.607	38.361	38.951	39.527	41.772	41.062	37.010	38.324	36.806	43.204
Fayette	......	......	......	4.728	4.969	5.815	5.400	5.683	5.755	4.967	5.280	5.729	5.115	5.073	5.316
Franklin	......	......	......	6.716	7.347	8.516	8.423	8.434	8.631	8.147	8.519	8.164	8.004	8.698	9.488
Geneva	......	......	......	10.841	11.558	11.995	12.075	12.455	12.502	11.657	11.897	11.816	11.633	12.541	13.432
Greene	......	......	......	1.270	1.281	1.564	1.492	1.614	1.639	2.061	1.607	1.380	1.484	1.363	1.442
Hale	......	......	......	2.239	2.395	2.767	2.573	2.805	2.854	2.527	2.783	2.601	2.518	2.500	2.686
Henry	......	......	......	2.323	2.465	3.030	3.011	2.956	3.011	2.953	2.999	3.276	2.770	3.192	3.604
Houston	......	......	......	36.766	40.061	44.718	44.370	47.154	48.245	44.860	46.106	41.691	45.702	44.749	51.269
Jackson	......	......	......	9.261	9.452	10.927	10.913	11.322	11.636	11.259	12.662	11.324	12.038	11.941	12.901
Jefferson	......	......	......	298.341	309.998	360.053	355.191	363.006	366.612	351.894	374.321	363.068	354.262	358.410	410.090
Lamar	......	......	......	2.691	2.901	3.797	3.127	3.428	3.472	3.123	3.078	2.963	2.947	3.120	3.055
Lauderdale	......	......	......	24.658	25.350	29.358	29.977	29.838	30.244	29.529	30.590	29.214	30.879	31.909	38.903
Lawrence	......	......	......	3.647	3.475	4.135	4.216	4.585	4.677	4.108	4.438	4.231	4.398	4.513	5.099
Lee	......	......	......	24.947	24.525	28.202	28.137	29.207	29.589	28.061	29.060	29.398	29.258	30.403	34.023
Limestone	......	......	......	11.168	11.418	13.548	13.572	14.093	14.358	13.124	13.880	13.381	13.060	13.875	15.378
Lowndes	......	......	......	1.280	1.215	1.337	1.380	1.462	1.480	1.335	1.365	1.364	1.419	1.380	1.737
Macon	......	......	......	3.851	3.179	3.476	3.651	3.754	3.835	3.767	4.289	3.991	3.642	3.591	3.855
Madison	......	......	......	74.343	77.028	85.504	85.663	88.061	89.067	86.505	89.790	84.875	87.017	91.507	106.493
Marengo	......	......	......	5.603	5.112	5.668	5.439	5.510	5.634	5.465	5.847	5.364	5.746	6.193	6.355
Marion	......	......	......	6.860	7.017	8.213	7.474	7.926	8.135	7.792	7.982	7.846	7.593	8.256	9.679
Marshall	......	......	......	22.754	23.968	27.934	28.111	29.288	29.820	28.261	29.620	27.874	28.141	29.280	31.284
Mobile	......	......	......	126.891	126.121	145.064	148.734	149.575	154.998	148.245	139.349	142.311	132.812	132.931	163.666
Monroe	......	......	......	6.167	6.518	8.373	7.656	7.711	7.937	7.721	9.954	8.995	8.959	11.460	10.272
Montgomery	......	......	......	85.434	88.326	100.179	100.582	105.692	107.263	102.587	104.772	100.442	100.155	107.536	122.551
Morgan	......	......	......	30.391	31.383	36.643	37.601	38.520	39.123	36.426	38.729	36.931	38.242	40.223	45.389
Perry	......	......	......	1.686	1.870	2.145	2.028	2.148	2.171	2.096	2.312	2.374	2.154	1.986	2.098
Pickens	......	......	......	2.964	2.925	3.487	3.625	3.538	3.686	3.447	3.564	3.315	3.584	3.269	3.702
Pike	......	......	......	6.442	6.699	7.666	7.344	7.577	7.498	7.147	7.892	7.626	7.991	7.671	8.232
Randolph	......	......	......	5.140	4.642	4.900	4.443	4.788	4.861	4.674	4.446	4.670	4.789	5.149	5.130
Russell	......	......	......	8.180	8.980	10.008	9.961	10.377	10.404	10.381	10.770	9.684	10.317	9.953	11.097
St. Clair	......	......	......	8.317	9.182	10.380	9.984	10.753	10.936	10.100	10.278	10.189	10.512	9.435	10.446
Shelby	......	......	......	17.848	17.886	21.005	20.782	22.707	22.932	21.957	23.309	20.485	20.987	20.484	21.266
Sumter	......	......	......	2.342	2.163	2.866	2.444	2.410	2.508	2.528	2.556	2.429	2.601	2.869	3.027
Talladega	......	......	......	17.279	17.186	19.187	20.357	22.808	21.292	20.497	19.618	18.526	19.124	19.967	23.033
Tallapoosa	......	......	......	9.468	9.637	10.653	11.075	11.406	11.589	10.720	10.367	9.833	10.062	10.427	11.563
Tuscaloosa	......	......	......	47.063	45.373	51.856	50.659	52.063	53.322	51.062	55.372	53.455	53.118	52.810	63.046
Walker	......	......	......	20.418	20.431	22.847	23.987	25.405	25.581	24.528	25.157	24.035	24.455	25.743	28.320
Washington	......	......	......	1.576	1.619	1.720	1.825	1.931	1.971	1.695	2.022	1.791	1.894	1.601	1.708
Wilcox	......	......	......	2.385	2.092	2.419	2.249	2.406	2.468	2.354	2.313	2.227	2.254	2.161	2.522
Winston	......	......	......	4.972	5.188	6.015	6.159	6.434	6.439	5.736	5.919	5.970	5.620	5.846	6.557
Statewide[u]	......	......	......	84.042	63.302	74.534	77.098	75.460	77.970	76.160	82.107	82.900	85.763	85.418	95.804
BUILDING PERMITS[v]															
Alabama															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	712.696	1.079.085	76.349	65.449	75.497	99.328	193.079	97.366	115.116	99.776	147.117	80.497	84.514	95.153	105.139
Residential	237.082	449.881	27.533	24.927	38.376	39.447	46.811	38.102	43.568	36.909	42.389	33.332	36.966	36.682	20.874
Nonresidential	300.343	366.127	33.868	22.711	21.524	32.351	130.709	42.724	53.582	44.597	79.263	27.171	29.249	36.821	66.040
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	5.965	8.848	693	595	644	790	788	915	842	833	749	694	737	669	613
Residential	2.700	3.593	231	247	255	317	317	408	324	322	317	245	256	255	263
Nonresidential	442	932	81	75	93	126	113	117	139	104	92	90	95	93	76
Birmingham															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	109.048	213.343	6.605	5.689	4.413	8.945	7.619	5.562	8.258	8.169	14.214	10.005	5.797	12.365	13.105
Residential	13.918	31.921	885	1.100	1.574	2.100	2.551	814	1.299	763	1.285	1.271	1.076	963	802
Nonresidential	61.839	108.370	526	985	530	1.071	90	768	2.963	2.369	1.967	3.606	4.675	1.568	5.114
Decatur															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	8.551	14.095	789	912	1.111	1.075	1.106	1.520	1.342	1.909	2.170	1.767	1.920	1.720	1.476
Residential	2.937	7.340	267	673	845	739	739	1.096	925	1.080	1.357	1.053	1.142	1.052	897
Nonresidential	3.812	2.156	32	73	81	115	139	172	171	355	429	318	347	294	249
Dothan															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	28.821	18.943	2.952	1.075	1.064	1.568	1.353	1.326	1.514	901	1.599	1.344	1.857	2.461	1.458
Residential	5.626	7.760	351	444	631	685	695	448	759	182	226	370	670	1.405	203
Nonresidential	9.720	6.339	2.146	457	100	452	518	238	257	125	641	666	860	680	483
Gadsden															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	10.429	13.596	1.189	656	530	214	565	1.351	865	166	260	886	2.546	1.057	215
Residential	1.517	2.006	61	110	57	92	347	976	219	26	74	46	53	128	......
Nonresidential	3.271	3.912	1.104	24	452	102	163	122	493	101	143	813	2.331	894	188
Huntsville															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	58.302	122.759	6.919	6.115	16.817	12.836	8.111	13.997	13.853	14.007	14.163	6.626	8.187	13.808	19.407
Residential	18.311	51.350	1.939	2.203	7.732	4.874	4.843	3.753	6.032	3.331	6.078	2.825	2.982	8.817	1.593
Nonresidential	14.238	45.128	3.809	2.270	5.358	7.169	2.413	8.366	5.970	9.394	6.045	3.339	3.835	3.266	15.945
Mobile															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	83.675	109.508	10.475	3.718	5.366	17.080	116.254	6.250	36.928	6.707	4.020	6.484	10.322	10.320	31.155
Residential	19.544	38.261	7.313	984	1.470	1.424	2.639	2.009	6.935	3.208	1.071	1.201	2.636	1.673	1.065
Nonresidential	43.701	49.663	2.058	1.419	2.488	4.160	112.221	3.331	28.665	2.127	1.153	3.886	2.288	7.264	28.688

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1983	1984											
	1983	1984	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Building Activity —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	52,352	76,984	5,127	14,164	5,100	6,477	6,330	6,994	7,007	8,192	8,070	7,254	8,188	11,037	6,049
Residential	15,363	32,619	1,874	2,436	2,131	2,462	2,509	2,493	2,528	3,504	3,361	2,991	3,262	5,463	2,557
Nonresidential	22,178	28,264	1,856	9,934	1,882	2,727	2,496	3,043	3,059	3,719	3,896	3,407	4,000	5,193	2,843
Quad-Cities[13]															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	18,563	12,978	699	2,642	1,410	4,666	2,443	4,910	1,260	2,227	1,799	2,246	1,917	800	12,947
Residential	7,481	6,391	166	480	754	1,298	700	792	323	633	721	533	430	381	126
Nonresidential	5,722	3,506	100	207	585	3,031	1,079	3,887	614	1,265	160	196	323	178	12,150
Selma															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	2,757	4,197	356	1,826	213	219	1,019	356	158	994	184	819	593	309	312
Residential	987	357	20	......	......	24	87	82	117	148	75	......	76	35	......
Nonresidential	1,739	798	......	3	133	36	717	35	......	7	......	617	4	188	167
								36		35	......	7	......	617	4
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	21,418	30,159	613	1,505	2,647	3,328	1,804	4,323	4,183	1,719	2,805	2,463	2,228	3,713	3,739
Residential	6,592	14,849	407	1,032	1,163	2,097	988	2,153	1,284	737	1,634	1,356	789	1,268	1,218
Nonresidential	8,408	6,227	3	132	929	573	277	1,529	1,901	615	360	552	1,145	664	2,029

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. [1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[11] Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

[12] Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

[13] Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

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The Economy in Perspective

Focus on DeKalb County

DeKalb County is in the northeast corner of Alabama. It is in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and enjoys beautiful scenery. Fort Payne is the county's largest city and its seat of government. Fort Payne has 11,500 inhabitants, and the next largest town is Rainsville with only 4,000 people. There are many incorporated communities in the county which have only a few hundred people each. About 48 percent of the county's residents live inside corporate limits, and 52 percent live in unincorporated areas of the county.

DeKalb County differs from most Alabama counties in that its population is almost all one race. The 1980 Census counted 962 black people, 120 American Indians, and 79 Asians in DeKalb County. The rest of the 53,658 people there were white.

Over half the people in the county are among the age group generally considered the working age population--those ages 19 through 64. Nearly a quarter of the total population of the county is school age--people 5 through 18. Seven percent of the county's people are infants, toddlers, and preschoolers; the remaining 13 percent of the people are 65 years old or older, which is generally the retirement age population.

Although DeKalb County has 55.6 percent of its total population in an age range suitable for full-time, permanent employment, unemployment is quite a problem. Double-digit unemployment rates have been the norm there since 1981.

By far the greatest employment opportunities in the county are in manufacturing, and mostly in nondurable manufacturing. The county has several hosiery mills, several apparel plants making knit clothing, a carpet yarn factory, and a few other nondurable goods enterprises, such as a poultry processing plant and a big bakery. Durable goods manufactured in the county include garbage truck bodies, steel joist trusses, and transformers.

Manufacturing jobs can be very high paying, but textile and apparel jobs usually do not pay well. Neither do these industries offer much advancement opportunity for their employees. Forty percent of all jobs in DeKalb County are for operators, fabricators, or laborers. Another 16 percent of jobs are for precision production, craft, or repair workers.

With 56 percent of all jobs in the county in the blue-collar sector and primarily in industries with historically low wages, it is not surprising that per capita personal income in the county is low. DeKalb County's per capita income is only 61 percent of the national average. The average per capita income for Alabama is not as high as the national average, but DeKalb is well below the state average.

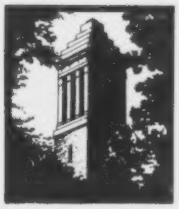
After manufacturing, the retail trade sector of DeKalb County's economy is the strongest. The several towns in the county support grocery stores, eating places, service stations, building materials and garden supplies stores, and of course general merchandise stores. These businesses provide quite a few jobs, but sales and clerical occupations are another group that is well known for being poorly paid.

DeKalb County has a very poor record of educational attainment. Of the people 25 years and over, 35 percent have no more than an elementary school education. Twenty-two percent attended high school but did not finish. Another 28 percent have a high school education, but went no further. Nine percent have attended college but did not finish; only 6 percent have a college degree. The median number of school years completed by persons 25 or older is 10.7 years. Median school years for Alabama is 12.2 years. Age 25 was selected as the cut-off point for measuring because most people that age have completed all the formal schooling they will have in their lifetimes.

The county may be in a vicious circle. Do employers provide low level jobs because they can't find qualified employees at higher levels, or do people leave school because they feel there is no opportunity to use an advanced education in earning a livelihood?

DeKalb County has many advantages to offer its citizens. People may choose to live in Fort Payne, which offers all the amenities of an established small town, or people may choose a more rural setting to enjoy the unusually beautiful countryside. Some people in DeKalb County commute to Chattanooga, Tennessee to work and others to Marshall County, Alabama. However, people who choose to live and work in DeKalb County need more opportunities. The unemployment rate has been too high, and the educational attainment and income levels have been too low for a long time.

—Annette Jones Watters



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The Twelve Economies of Alabama

By Carl E. Ferguson, Jr.

Editor's Note: The following article is excerpted from *Alabama Economic Outlook 1985: Twelve Regional Models.* The report presents economic forecasts of such indicators as income and employment for each of the twelve planning regions of Alabama through 1990. Findings are based upon the most recent forecast of the Alabama Econometric Model, developed and maintained by the Center for Business and Economic Research. The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, Office of State Planning and Federal Programs, is the publisher of the report. Ordering information is found on Page 7 of this issue.

The regions represented by the twelve planning districts which partition Alabama are widely diverse. They range from the large to the small, the urban to the rural, the industrialized to the agricultural, and the prosperous to the poor. The current economic forecast for each of the twelve regions is equally distinct from the rest.

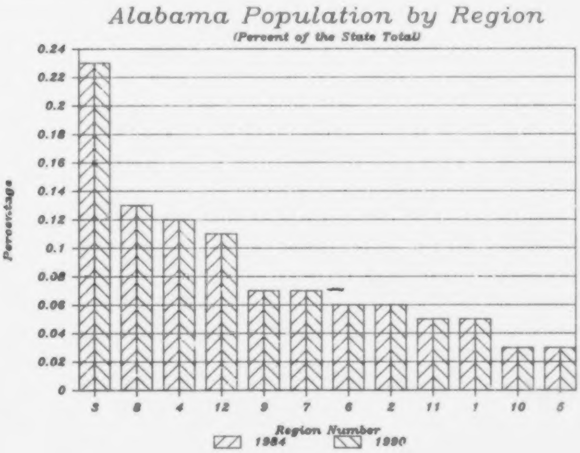

Figure 1

Figure 1 reveals Region 3, the Jefferson County area, to be the largest region within Alabama in the economic sense. Total 1984 personal income for the Jefferson County region was estimated to be $11.0 billion, more than twice that of the South Alabama region, home of Mobile, at $5.3 billion. Figure 2, per capita personal income by region, also shows the Jefferson County area on top with an annual per capita income over 15 percent above the state average of $9,935 for 1984. However, region 8 (Mobile area) ranks fourth in per capita personal income behind region 9 (Montgomery area) and region 12 (Huntsville area) at second and third respectively. Alabama's Black Belt continues to suffer with per capita personal income 20 percent below the state average, or less than $7,900 per year.

Figure 2 also reveals the great disparity in personal income in Alabama. Only four of Alabama's twelve regions are above

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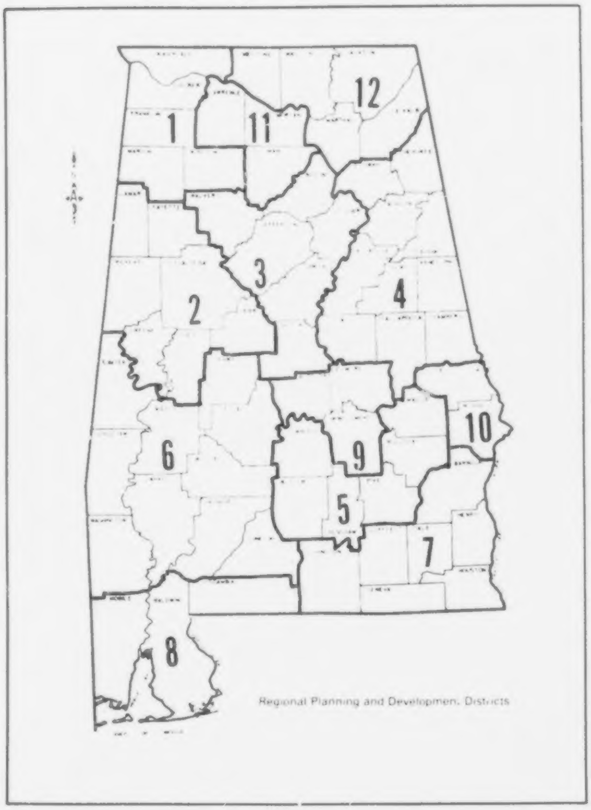

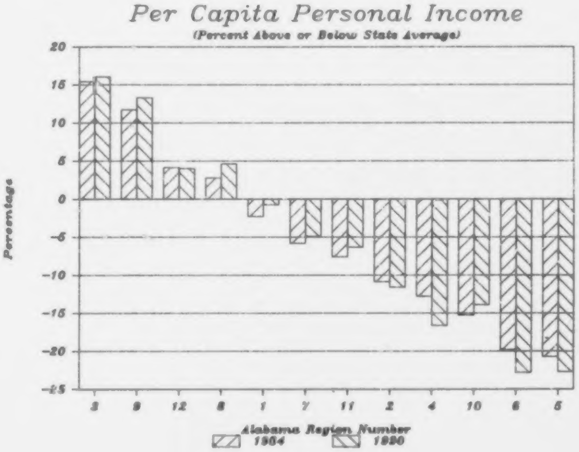

Figure 2

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1984												1985
	1983	1984	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	23,071	28,068	2,181	2,434	2,518	2,211	2,327	2,377	2,056	2,590	2,416	2,517	2,238	2,201	1,916
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	126,576	137,180	10,962	11,264	10,750	11,386	11,920	9,984	10,667	11,898	11,371	11,742	12,156	13,079	12,825
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	360,820	338,597	28,600	31,542	29,964	27,531	30,038	26,733	23,408	29,670	28,420	30,981	26,510	25,200	25,162
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	18,708	19,807	1,624	1,578	1,590	1,533	1,673	1,583	1,752	1,680	1,673	1,662	1,696	1,763	1,761
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	21,020	24,250	1,827	1,958	1,919	1,983	2,005	2,104	2,039	2,146	2,135	2,097	2,063	1,971	1,912
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,166	6,514	532	526	580	571	525	561	534	559	540	571	520	496	533
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,763,700	3,030,600	224,000	156,200	243,100	174,300	571,700	231,400	210,600	383,400	202,200	230,000	235,000	168,700	215,200
Residential	1,286,500	1,228,100	96,200	78,600	125,600	104,500	117,500	114,100	105,900	163,200	96,800	84,200	90,300	51,200	87,200
Nonresidential	1,025,800	928,500	110,100	36,300	66,500	47,500	92,500	71,300	60,700	137,900	43,900	88,100	84,200	89,500	90,300
Public works and utilities	451,300	873,700	17,700	41,300	51,000	22,300	361,300	46,400	43,900	84,200	59,300	57,800	60,500	28,000	37,500
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,086	1,197	68	87	108	100	112	117	102	110	105	105	100	83	64
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	5,263	5,887	5,289	5,323	5,389	5,387	5,416	5,492	5,544	5,606	5,681	5,740	5,805	5,887	5,961
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,288,165	2,637,841	205,929	202,747	264,652	234,338	246,438	198,192	195,871	215,569	241,633	225,955	217,523	188,995	234,054
Franchise	52,214	64,476	302	1,153	28,642	5,879	1,275	2,504	8,422	2,315	6,357	4,799	2,537	292	743
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	199,587	207,095	18,417	16,305	15,305	17,523	17,585	17,564	17,504	17,752	18,217	16,284	17,697	16,942	17,148
Income	815,838	1,009,832	49,125	95,328	130,393	82,889	130,465	81,367	42,840	90,776	92,998	48,127	88,819	76,705	65,174
Motor fuels	45,027	50,278	3,415	4,409	3,448	3,899	4,703	3,735	3,580	5,287	3,166	4,583	5,374	4,679	3,572
Oil/gas privilege	89,645	70,183	5,742	5,924	5,475	5,164	5,571	5,438	5,605	9,662	5,294	5,319	4,829	6,159	5,629
Oil/gas production	17,290	17,331	1,465	1,565	1,442	1,384	1,480	1,437	1,478	1,322	1,409	1,413	1,287	1,649	1,504
Sales	609,132	704,299	67,569	49,655	50,142	55,808	56,985	58,145	57,514	56,957	58,767	81,495	58,477	52,785	74,362
2.2% Gross receipts	46,185	54,765	13,504	152	9	13,448	210	1	13,723	......	15	13,638	66	......	13,643
TVA electric	31,290	36,734	5,734	......	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	6,895	......	3,451	3,451	3,451
Tobacco	68,915	70,022	5,485	4,985	5,418	5,734	6,072	6,211	5,980	6,516	6,380	5,990	5,939	5,313	6,299
Use	66,519	75,723	15,067	1,975	1,045	15,351	2,019	604	16,868	1,310	1,419	18,146	1,389	531	18,440
Utility	152,287	151,261	14,760	15,900	13,171	11,714	9,654	11,225	12,587	14,277	12,234	10,527	11,889	13,322	16,356
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	298.4	311.1	305.2	306.6	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	316.1
Food	291.7	302.9	299.4	302.1	302.2	302.3	301.4	302.0	303.2	304.8	304.2	304.4	304.1	305.1	307.3
Housing	323.1	336.5	329.2	331.0	331.5	333.2	334.6	336.2	338.1	339.5	341.4	341.2	340.9	341.2	342.0
Fuel and utilities	370.3	387.3	376.0	383.0	380.1	380.9	385.5	390.0	393.9	395.5	397.0	392.4	387.5	386.0	387.2
Apparel and upkeep	196.5	200.2	196.4	196.2	198.8	199.2	198.9	197.4	196.6	200.1	204.2	205.7	205.2	203.2	199.8
Transportation	298.4	311.7	306.0	305.8	306.9	309.6	312.2	313.1	312.9	312.9	313.7	315.5	316.1	315.8	314.7
Medical care	357.3	379.5	369.5	373.2	374.5	375.7	376.8	378.0	380.3	301.9	383.1	385.5	387.5	388.5	391.1
Energy	419.3	423.6	416.7	420.2	418.1	421.3	426.1	428.5	428.3	427.3	429.0	426.7	421.8	418.9	414.5
Producer Price Index, U.S.[6] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	303.1	310.3	308.0	308.9	311.0	311.3	311.5	311.3	311.9	310.7	309.3	309.4	310.3	309.9	309.8
Industrial commodities	315.7	322.6	319.1	320.6	321.9	322.6	323.2	323.8	323.9	323.3	322.2	323.4	323.8	323.0	323.2
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers *(1977 = 100)*	121.3	127.9	140.0	138.0	138.0	138.0	134.0	127.0	129.0	121.0	122.0	115.0	119.0	114.0	117.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.335	.321	.328	.326	.325	.324	.323	.322	.321	.319	.318	.317	.317	.317	.316
Wholesale prices	.330	.322	.325	.324	.322	.321	.321	.321	.321	.322	.323	.323	.322	.323	.323
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[7]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,758.0	1,794.0	1,745.9	1,753.1	1,766.2	1,790.3	1,804.8	1,821.5	1,815.0	1,807.5	1,808.3	1,816.4	1,801.5	1,797.5	1,794.7
Unemployment	240.0	200.0	213.5	205.4	203.6	191.5	188.8	200.6	211.6	196.0	197.9	190.8	192.3	208.0	203.7
Unemployment rate	13.7	11.1	12.2	11.7	11.5	10.7	10.5	11.0	11.7	10.8	10.9	10.5	10.7	11.6	11.4
Employment	1,518.0	1,594.0	1,532.4	1,547.7	1,562.6	1,598.8	1,616.0	1,620.9	1,603.4	1,611.5	1,610.4	1,625.6	1,609.2	1,589.5	1,591.0
Nonagricultural	1,328.8	1,383.6	1,345.7	1,354.6	1,362.1	1,379.7	1,385.8	1,403.1	1,391.6	1,396.3	1,390.8	1,398.0	1,400.4	1,394.5	1,383.0
Manufacturing	340.9	358.5	350.5	353.3	355.9	361.4	363.1	367.2	358.8	364.6	358.3	360.5	358.8	349.0	352.1
Durable goods	159.2	173.5	165.6	168.0	170.9	173.4	174.6	177.1	175.7	176.7	176.0	175.5	175.2	173.6	172.8
Lumber and wood products	27.9	29.7	28.2	28.4	29.2	29.4	29.8	30.4	30.6	30.8	30.4	30.1	29.5	29.4	28.8
Stone, clay, glass products	8.7	8.8	8.5	8.6	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.2	8.8
Primary metals	24.8	26.4	25.2	25.5	26.4	26.6	26.9	27.0	26.5	26.9	26.5	26.2	26.6	26.3	26.4
Blast furn. and steel works	5.7	7.4	6.6	7.1	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3
Iron and steel foundries	10.5	10.1	10.0	9.6	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.5	10.6
Fabricated metals	21.8	23.0	22.4	22.7	22.7	22.9	23.0	23.1	23.2	23.4	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.2	23.3
Machinery (excl. electrical)	15.1	17.7	16.6	16.9	17.4	17.6	17.7	18.0	18.0	17.9	18.1	17.8	18.0	18.0	18.2
Electrical, electronic equip.	21.5	23.2	22.4	22.7	22.6	22.9	23.1	23.5	23.3	23.3	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.6	22.9
Transportation	21.7	25.3	23.3	23.8	24.2	25.0	25.2	25.9	25.8	26.0	26.2	26.6	25.9	25.7	25.5
Other durable goods	17.7	19.5	19.0	19.4	19.6	20.0	19.9	20.2	19.3	19.3	19.2	19.4	19.7	19.2	18.9
Nondurable goods	181.7	184.9	184.9	185.3	185.0	188.0	188.5	190.1	183.1	187.9	182.3	185.0	183.6	175.4	179.3
Food	27.0	28.0	27.0	27.0	27.1	27.5	27.8	28.2	28.3	28.4	28.4	28.8	29.0	28.2	28.5
Textile mill products	39.1	39.3	40.4	40.5	40.6	40.8	40.7	40.2	38.5	39.8	37.7	37.8	37.5	36.9	36.6
Apparel	54.9	55.0	55.8	56.1	55.5	57.3	57.6	58.3	52.8	56.3	53.3	55.5	54.2	47.2	50.7
Paper and allied products	21.5	21.3	21.3	21.1	21.0	21.2	21.2	21.7	21.7	21.5	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.1	21.4
Printing and publishing	10.6	11.3	11.0	11.1	11.1	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.4	11.3	11.4	11.6
Chemicals and allied products	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.9	12.0
Rubber products	14.8	16.0	15.4	15.5	15.6	15.8	15.7	16.1	16.3	16.3	16.3	16.2	16.3	16.5	16.3
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Nonmanufacturing	987.9	1,025.1	995.2	1,001.3	1,006.2	1,018.3	1,022.7	1,035.9	1,032.8	1,031.7	1,032.5	1,037.5	1,041.6	1,045.5	1,030.9
Mining and quarrying	13.7	14.4	13.8	13.9	13.9	14.2	14.3	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.2	14.6	14.7	14.7
Bituminous coal mining	10.3	9.9	9.1	9.8	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	9.6	10.0	10.3	10.3
Contract construction	59.8	64.5	57.8	60.1	61.2	62.8	64.2	66.8	67.4	67.4	67.9	66.2	65.2	66.6	63.7
Trans., comm., and utilities	69.7	72.1	70.3	70.6	71.0	71.5	72.3	73.4	72.7	73.2	72.5	72.7	72.5	72.4	71.4
Trade	273.3	290.3	278.1	277.5	279.9	285.4	287.7	291.3	292.1	295.2	296.3	296.2	299.9	303.5	292.5
Wholesale	70.1	73.6	70.9	71.3	71.8	72.8	73.1	74.3	74.8	74.8	74.7	74.7	75.0	74.9	74.1
Retail	203.1	216.7	207.2	206.2	208.1	212.6	214.6	217.0	217.3	220.4	221.6	221.5	224.9	228.6	218.4
Finance, insurance, real estate	59.9	62.6	60.9	61.1	61.5	61.9	62.2	63.0	63.5	63.4	63.2	63.2	63.5	63.8	63.8
Service and miscellaneous	218.9	227.5	221.4	223.1	225.5	228.6	228.3	229.6	228.6	228.6	228.9	229.8	228.6	228.7	228.6
Government	292.7	293.8	292.9	295.0	293.2	293.9	293.7	297.2	293.9	289.2	288.9	295.2	297.3	295.8	296.2
Federal	65.3	64.8	65.6	64.9	63.5	64.0	64.1	64.5	64.8	65.1	65.0	65.0	65.4	65.5	65.5
State and local	227.3	229.1	227.3	230.1	229.7	229.9	229.6	232.7	229.1	224.1	223.9	230.2	231.9	230.3	230.7

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984												1985
	1983	1984	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	207,309	212,083	17,938	16,014	16,084	14,672	17,512	13,528	20,564	20,649	16,081	21,966	18,684	13,391	21,285
Nonagricultural placements	91,100	97,761	5,741	5,509	6,477	7,082	7,314	9,582	14,871	14,203	7,719	7,844	6,543	4,876	5,229
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	428,181	435,832	75,004	29,677	28,150	24,214	25,009	23,457	50,560	37,376	29,346	36,116	35,891	41,032	74,659
Payments *($1,000)*	191,868	172,593	18,452	15,901	15,566	11,949	13,048	12,192	13,536	15,564	12,258	13,716	14,253	16,158	21,274
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,780	....	15,370	15,290	15,410	15,650	15,740	15,790	15,620	15,640	15,780	15,800	16,070	15,920	15,910
	14.1	....	11.5	10.2	9.8	9.4	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.4	9.3	8.6	10.9	10.5	10.1
Baldwin	33,830	....	34,420	34,700	34,800	35,000	34,840	35,460	35,830	35,400	37,450	35,440	35,630	37,380	35,550
	12.3	....	12.4	12.2	11.5	9.7	8.6	8.9	10.0	9.3	14.8	8.9	9.7	14.7	9.9
Barbour	11,980	....	11,620	11,780	11,920	12,150	12,410	12,380	12,300	12,320	12,480	12,740	12,340	12,200	11,930
	13.1	....	11.5	10.7	9.2	9.1	9.0	9.6	10.3	9.7	10.9	12.7	10.7	12.4	13.2
Bibb	5,940	....	6,090	5,910	6,130	6,320	6,270	6,370	6,320	6,380	6,310	6,250	6,300	6,210	6,210
	19.6	....	22.3	17.5	17.8	17.2	16.1	14.5	14.5	16.7	14.3	13.0	15.6	19.9	19.9
Blount	13,520	....	16,460	16,690	[illegible]	16,710	16,610	16,710	16,990	16,450	16,520	16,640	16,690	16,990	17,070
	18.1	....	12.2	12.6	17.1	10.5	9.4	9.2	11.1	8.6	9.1	9.5	10.4	11.8	12.3
Bullock	4,530	....	4,230	4,200	4,220	4,360	4,500	4,580	4,560	4,670	4,730	4,980	4,730	4,500	4,330
	17.2	....	14.3	12.8	12.4	11.3	11.1	14.8	17.1	16.9	14.4	16.0	14.8	17.6	16.8
Butler	9,900	....	9,590	9,550	9,630	9,770	9,810	9,880	9,920	9,870	10,000	10,190	9,710	9,650	9,560
	17.3	....	15.3	14.1	14.1	12.7	12.7	14.0	15.1	14.4	13.1	13.4	13.2	13.1	13.1
Calhoun	46,560	....	46,040	46,210	46,560	47,070	47,360	47,830	48,570	48,190	47,840	48,210	48,110	48,020	47,960
	13.1	....	12.1	11.5	11.4	10.1	10.0	10.6	13.7	11.7	10.5	11.2	11.5	11.2	11.4
Chambers	16,920	....	16,390	16,520	16,560	16,880	16,940	16,890	16,870	16,570	16,380	16,200	15,930	15,960	16,050
	9.8	....	8.4	8.8	8.6	8.9	10.5	10.9	11.6	9.7	9.0	8.9	8.3	8.4	9.2
Cherokee	11,400	....	11,400	11,310	11,400	11,800	11,930	11,130	11,580	12,090	12,320	12,290	11,620	11,080	11,000
	15.4	....	12.6	15.2	18.6	10.7	10.9	18.7	18.1	8.7	8.3	16.1	15.6	15.8	16.7
Chilton	15,420	....	16,650	16,490	16,510	16,200	16,510	16,290	16,020	16,070	15,950	16,030	15,980	15,520	15,840
	13.3	....	11.0	10.2	10.6	10.8	10.5	11.2	11.8	11.7	10.9	11.3	13.1	12.8	14.4
Choctaw	5,560	....	5,600	5,610	5,620	5,750	6,000	5,790	5,810	5,730	6,050	5,850	5,820	5,930	5,780
	15.2	....	13.4	14.3	14.6	12.8	13.8	14.1	18.4	14.4	22.4	18.6	15.1	22.9	16.0
Clarke	10,810	....	10,710	10,550	10,630	10,540	10,640	10,690	10,880	10,600	10,810	10,400	10,540	10,550	10,420
	16.2	....	14.3	13.4	12.8	12.2	12.7	12.9	15.0	13.1	19.8	12.9	14.0	18.7	11.9
Clay	7,520	....	7,260	7,330	7,450	7,590	7,760	7,600	7,560	7,740	7,740	7,670	7,610	7,580	7,530
	13.8	....	11.7	11.0	10.7	10.1	10.8	11.7	12.0	11.7	10.5	8.6	9.7	12.8	10.0
Cleburne	5,210	....	5,090	5,170	5,240	5,180	5,220	5,270	5,490	5,170	5,240	5,310	5,320	5,310	5,340
	12.5	....	10.4	9.9	10.2	8.6	8.6	10.5	14.2	10.0	8.1	8.2	11.7	12.0	11.6
Coffee	20,040	....	19,560	19,810	19,920	20,020	20,470	20,510	20,450	20,350	20,410	20,900	20,250	19,890	19,730
	10.8	....	9.0	9.5	9.1	7.7	8.2	8.2	8.7	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.3	7.7
Colbert	24,050	....	23,040	23,590	23,660	24,190	24,030	24,430	24,200	24,120	24,080	23,810	23,920	23,880	23,760
	18.5	....	17.4	18.5	17.2	17.2	16.1	16.2	16.7	15.4	15.2	14.7	15.5	16.6	16.8
Conecuh	7,010	....	6,910	6,860	6,960	7,060	7,290	7,160	7,170	7,060	7,680	7,420	7,350	7,650	7,280
	12.7	....	12.3	12.8	11.8	10.8	10.1	10.9	11.5	9.6	14.7	10.5	10.6	15.3	11.2
Coosa	5,570	....	5,480	5,510	5,470	5,550	5,590	5,570	5,540	5,620	5,770	5,710	5,700	5,690	5,830
	10.3	....	8.4	8.3	7.5	7.6	6.9	8.4	8.1	8.6	9.1	7.2	8.0	8.4	10.4
Covington	16,340	....	16,250	16,370	16,370	16,390	16,490	16,470	16,390	16,470	16,250	16,520	16,090	16,360	17,060
	12.3	....	11.4	12.1	10.7	9.7	9.0	9.2	10.6	9.4	8.0	8.9	8.6	10.8	15.1
Crenshaw	7,220	....	6,910	7,120	7,170	7,490	7,760	7,550	7,390	7,510	7,950	7,840	7,440	7,340	6,990
	12.1	....	10.9	10.1	11.3	9.5	10.3	9.8	10.3	9.5	16.0	8.0	9.1	16.7	10.3
Cullman	28,710	....	28,060	28,580	28,610	29,540	29,890	29,840	29,670	30,220	30,070	30,600	29,960	29,470	30,020
	14.7	....	12.8	13.1	12.4	10.4	9.7	10.3	11.0	12.3	9.6	10.4	12.3	13.9	15.3
Dale	12,980	....	21,860	22,120	22,560	22,880	23,040	23,070	22,850	22,690	22,960	23,210	22,920	22,640	22,630
	13.7	....	7.7	7.9	8.5	7.8	7.5	7.7	8.7	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.2	6.9	6.8
Dallas	23,640	....	22,460	22,470	22,440	22,970	23,110	23,490	23,430	23,660	23,510	23,690	23,250	23,140	23,160
	17.5	....	15.6	15.3	14.8	15.1	14.3	15.4	16.3	16.9	16.0	16.5	16.0	15.8	15.4
DeKalb	29,950	....	29,340	29,500	29,680	30,760	31,290	31,700	32,030	31,660	31,050	31,330	30,940	30,670	30,670
	13.8	....	13.0	11.3	11.1	10.2	9.9	10.5	10.9	9.5	9.7	10.2	10.8	12.4	12.6
Elmore	20,770	....	20,130	20,220	20,460	20,770	21,020	21,130	20,890	20,900	20,940	21,020	20,910	20,810	20,960
	12.2	....	8.6	8.1	8.1	7.6	7.7	7.9	7.8	7.3	7.5	7.0	7.4	7.4	7.7
Escambia	17,430	....	17,620	17,700	17,500	17,980	18,220	18,470	18,270	18,140	18,610	18,100	18,270	18,360	18,070
	12.6	....	12.7	12.0	10.9	10.6	11.1	10.6	10.8	10.1	16.9	10.3	11.8	17.0	11.0
Etowah	42,450	....	41,830	41,830	41,990	42,410	42,270	42,710	43,080	43,190	43,200	43,020	42,890	42,870	42,270
	17.5	....	14.4	14.0	13.5	13.0	11.9	12.1	13.7	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.9	14.7	14.3
Fayette	10,170	....	10,080	10,200	10,340	10,460	10,550	10,460	10,390	10,570	10,580	10,570	10,610	10,440	10,510
	11.7	....	9.4	8.7	9.1	8.6	8.2	8.7	9.8	10.1	8.9	10.3	10.5	12.2	14.6
Franklin	14,200	....	14,350	14,780	14,990	14,950	15,090	15,200	15,340	14,930	14,520	14,610	14,550	14,560	14,420
	18.2	....	24.0	21.1	20.9	17.5	17.1	15.6	20.8	17.3	16.2	15.7	17.9	18.9	20.5
Geneva	11,400	....	11,170	11,110	11,270	11,620	11,940	12,220	12,060	11,740	11,920	12,370	11,900	11,560	11,620
	10.5	....	9.2	8.5	8.4	8.1	7.6	7.5	9.4	7.2	6.8	8.3	8.3	8.9	10.6
Greene	4,610	....	4,550	4,840	4,600	4,730	4,690	4,820	4,800	4,840	4,910	4,880	4,750	4,740	4,660
	16.7	....	19.4	18.3	16.5	15.8	14.7	15.3	15.7	15.8	18.3	17.0	17.4	20.8	20.2
Hale	5,310	....	5,440	5,280	5,290	5,480	5,530	5,490	5,630	5,480	5,580	5,590	5,490	5,480	5,290
	16.6	....	19.9	17.6	16.3	16.0	14.6	16.5	20.6	17.3	16.7	14.8	16.3	18.3	16.9
Henry	7,260	....	6,860	6,940	6,920	7,290	7,590	7,400	7,250	7,320	7,580	7,750	7,480	7,150	7,090
	11.2	....	10.5	9.3	8.0	8.1	8.3	9.0	10.4	9.7	9.6	9.0	10.3	10.2	13.4
Houston	40,070	....	35,420	35,360	35,890	36,480	37,040	37,110	36,930	36,460	36,860	37,340	37,050	36,620	36,730
	10.8	....	9.8	8.7	8.9	8.4	8.9	9.1	10.5	8.5	8.5	8.8	9.1	8.8	9.1
Jackson	20,800	....	19,700	19,790	19,630	20,060	19,920	19,700	20,260	19,550	19,420	19,710	19,840	19,840	19,240
	22.0	....	19.7	19.7	17.8	15.5	14.3	15.5	21.3	15.4	14.0	14.1	14.7	19.3	14.8
Jefferson	310,270	....	297,210	297,930	301,260	304,620	305,490	309,490	308,440	305,990	304,420	305,220	300,770	301,180	300,140
	12.8	....	10.8	10.2	10.5	10.0	9.7	10.1	10.1	9.8	9.5	9.5	8.8	8.8	8.6
Lamar	8,820	....	8,980	9,030	9,170	9,320	9,410	9,550	9,490	9,320	9,410	9,480	9,530	9,460	9,520
	9.8	....	7.8	7.2	6.8	6.5	7.1	8.5	8.8	7.4	7.0	6.5	7.2	7.1	8.0
Lauderdale	34,810	....	34,540	35,110	35,360	35,530	35,540	36,270	36,170	36,140	35,930	35,880	35,660	35,060	35,300
	16.9	....	16.4	16.9	16.0	14.6	13.9	14.4	15.5	14.4	13.9	14.2	14.0	13.8	15.1
Lawrence	14,490	....	13,310	13,450	13,390	13,670	13,810	13,600	13,510	13,400	13,390	13,470	13,330	13,010	13,230
	16.7	....	17.3	17.0	15.7	15.8	15.6	14.6	15.2	13.7	13.5	13.0	14.6	14.8	15.3
Lee	36,140	....	37,610	37,950	37,890	38,470	39,050	39,530	38,290	38,310	37,820	38,820	39,080	38,850	39,030
	8.4	....	6.4	6.3	5.8	6.2	6.1	7.6	7.4	7.3	6.9	6.8	6.1	5.7	6.5
Limestone	23,940	....	19,330	19,610	19,540	20,140	20,400	20,170	20,060	20,130	20,650	21,100	20,830	20,740	20,810
	11.0	....	12.2	12.2	11.7	11.1	10.3	10.7	11.4	11.0	10.0	9.6	9.2	10.4	10.8
Lowndes	5,320	....	4,960	4,990	4,970	5,070	5,150	5,160	5,110	5,150	5,180	5,150	5,190	5,070	4,890
	17.6	....	18.2	17.0	16.8	20.1	18.4	19.3	20.4	19.9	18.9	17.1	16.4	16.7	16.9
Macon	8,000	....	7,870	7,900	7,810	7,960	8,040	8,390	8,360	8,310	8,070	8,540	8,300	8,210	8,220
	13.5	....	11.2	10.4	9.7	10.0	9.6	13.9	13.8	13.6	11.6	10.6	9.5	9.4	10.3
Madison	100,410	....	112,770	112,750	114,780	115,640	117,260	119,290	118,900	119,890	119,640	121,170	120,430	120,830	122,530
	9.2	....	8.3	7.6	8.0	7.1	6.8	7.2	7.3	6.6	6.3	6.8	6.3	6.7	7.9
Marengo	9,920	....	9,320	9,310	9,470	9,470	9,670	9,800	10,000	9,760	10,250	9,960	9,720	9,930	9,530
	15.4	....	13.5	12.8	13.5	12.2	12.0	13.3	15.7	12.3	20.0	13.9	12.3	18.8	13.3
Marion	13,760	....	13,340	13,310	13,340	13,520	13,630	13,770	13,810	13,680	13,530	13,710	13,620	13,750	14,000
	19.4	....	16.8	15.3	15.3	13.5	12.0	11.5	13.4	14.7	14.0	15.4	16.5	19.6	21.6
Marshall	34,920	....	31,980	32,330	32,630	33,010	33,400	33,460	33,720	33,060	33,120	33,390	32,900	33,560	33,140
	13.0	....	13.7	13.6	12.6	11.5	10.7	11.5	16.1	11.3	10.8	10.7	10.8	17.9	14.3
Mobile	163,820	....	160,150	160,530	161,840	164,630	165,770	168,260	167,720	167,210	164,480	166,680	165,400	164,050	164,810
	15.9	....	14.4	13.7	13.5	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.7	11.8	11.9	11.6	11.6	11.7

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984												1985
	1983	1984	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	10,770	....	10,770	10,810	10,760	10,940	10,830	11,010	10,900	10,950	12,520	11,050	11,170	11,940	10,790
	12.6	....	14.1	13.4	12.4	12.1	10.2	12.7	12.5	11.9	32.7	13.2	14.4	31.2	13.9
Montgomery	92,650	....	93,450	94,230	94,780	96,410	97,250	98,700	97,650	97,560	97,000	98,200	97,130	96,920	97,010
	10.6	....	9.5	9.4	8.8	8.5	8.3	9.4	9.3	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.3
Morgan	37,990	....	37,780	37,860	38,240	39,280	39,640	40,140	39,680	39,200	39,070	38,880	38,390	38,300	38,560
	14.5	....	12.9	12.1	12.5	11.6	11.2	11.7	11.9	11.0	11.2	10.9	10.8	10.6	11.7
Perry	5,860	....	5,540	5,410	5,500	5,680	5,770	5,920	5,890	5,970	5,990	6,030	6,130	6,010	5,900
	14.8	....	20.9	14.1	11.5	10.4	10.0	10.9	12.1	11.8	10.8	10.0	16.4	21.2	18.8
Pickens	7,630	....	7,110	7,110	6,980	7,040	7,200	7,270	7,170	7,140	7,030	7,070	7,000	6,900	6,960
	17.7	....	16.6	16.1	15.4	15.3	17.3	16.2	16.3	15.9	13.8	13.8	16.7	16.8	17.0
Pike	13,770	....	13,100	13,240	13,470	13,550	13,690	13,670	13,440	13,680	13,470	14,570	13,800	13,060	13,770
	13.7	....	11.1	10.9	11.6	9.5	9.0	10.1	10.4	10.2	10.3	8.7	8.7	10.7	8.7
Randolph	9,170	....	8,940	8,880	8,590	8,610	8,740	8,780	9,160	8,770	8,720	8,930	8,790	8,590	8,680
	17.8	....	16.4	14.7	15.3	13.2	13.3	14.4	22.2	17.0	15.7	14.1	12.0	10.7	11.6
Russell	18,320	....	19,240	18,610	18,540	18,830	19,090	20,460	19,650	19,310	19,040	19,190	20,070	19,480	19,950
	13.7	....	16.2	13.0	11.2	11.3	11.8	17.1	13.4	10.9	10.8	11.1	14.7	12.3	14.7
St. Clair	19,350	....	19,070	19,280	18,930	19,290	19,260	19,490	19,350	19,370	19,750	19,460	19,670	19,910	20,100
	14.2	....	12.8	12.9	10.7	10.8	10.1	10.4	10.1	10.6	12.4	10.9	12.5	13.4	14.3
Shelby	30,510	....	31,510	31,400	31,150	31,780	32,170	32,780	32,640	32,170	31,760	31,990	31,940	31,650	31,640
	12.4	....	12.0	10.9	9.5	9.7	10.3	11.2	11.2	10.3	9.3	9.7	10.2	9.2	9.3
Sumter	6,990	....	7,000	6,990	7,180	7,560	7,360	7,470	7,220	7,070	7,270	7,470	7,180	7,220	7,160
	14.3	....	11.0	9.9	11.0	12.3	9.9	12.8	13.3	12.7	10.7	10.1	11.5	13.5	13.5
Talladega	32,030	....	30,420	30,300	30,690	31,050	31,150	31,970	31,250	31,530	32,230	30,750	31,360	31,140	31,230
	17.1	....	14.3	13.9	14.5	14.7	14.3	16.1	15.5	16.7	20.8	14.3	16.9	16.9	18.3
Tallapoosa	16,580	....	16,760	16,910	17,070	17,350	17,370	17,850	17,780	17,810	17,290	17,290	17,160	17,010	17,120
	12.2	....	9.9	9.5	9.4	8.7	8.4	9.6	10.0	10.4	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.6	11.4
Tuscaloosa	56,520	....	56,690	56,900	57,710	58,580	59,210	58,230	57,550	58,040	58,450	58,940	58,770	58,670	57,840
	12.5	....	10.4	9.9	10.1	9.1	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	8.7	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.1
Walker	32,980	....	32,520	32,540	32,630	32,170	32,380	32,440	32,410	32,240	32,110	32,340	33,040	33,830	33,630
	16.1	....	15.9	15.2	14.8	12.1	12.2	11.6	11.8	11.8	11.5	12.0	14.4	16.3	15.9
Washington	6,380	....	6,210	6,320	6,510	6,450	6,680	6,460	6,620	6,410	6,730	6,670	6,450	6,380	6,280
	20.0	....	16.1	16.3	16.6	15.6	18.7	17.6	21.5	18.2	20.8	18.8	16.9	19.4	17.8
Wilcox	5,860	....	5,340	5,370	5,260	5,420	5,580	5,800	5,680	5,620	5,530	5,540	5,370	5,190	5,070
	20.3	....	16.9	16.2	15.9	15.3	15.7	15.9	16.7	15.3	14.7	14.2	13.5	13.3	12.4
Winston	9,150	....	9,150	9,400	9,160	9,200	9,410	9,290	9,080	9,060	9,060	9,450	9,370	9,530	9,420
	18.6	....	21.8	24.0	19.0	17.5	18.6	16.5	17.4	17.5	17.1	20.5	21.1	24.4	25.6
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	643,182	726,362	51,145	40,064	53,684	72,261	83,186	44,217	90,034	54,364	68,859	64,093	41,830	62,625	64,445
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	6,288	9,484	583	508	232	718	905	769	988	1,019	1,032	971	477	1,282	1,044
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	788,611	622,949	69,760	39,449	46,631	32,516	60,111	47,488	31,808	44,217	42,139	62,763	80,528	65,538	59,759
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	9,496	21,911	1,731	1,283	1,667	2,096	1,930	1,915	1,292	2,293	1,719	2,353	1,892	1,739	2,201
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[8] *(1,000 tons)*	34,916	38,790	3,017	2,522	3,015	3,110	3,266	3,413	3,307	3,549	3,362	3,445	3,524	3,262	3,151
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,017	24,285	2,494	2,093	1,793	1,604	1,607	1,968	2,445	2,384	2,339	1,861	1,785	1,911	2,108
Gasoline sales[9] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,661,406	1,905,260	150,958	141,858	162,105	162,606	162,470	161,968	163,798	168,845	150,779	163,960	157,127	158,793	156,773
New passenger car registrations[10] *(number)*	122,393	141,890	10,453	11,116	11,051	11,616	13,890	12,648	12,806	12,579	10,981	11,452	11,547	11,757	10,748
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[11] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	....	3,645	288	281	305	305	301	303	311	309	310	303	303	326	298
General stores with food and gas	....	174	13	12	14	15	15	16	15	15	15	15	14	15	12
General merchandise	....	2,381	157	144	176	191	191	196	176	190	181	185	238	355	152
Apparel	....	567	35	34	46	52	45	47	41	48	45	46	52	76	35
Furniture, furnishings, etc	....	543	41	40	44	43	44	45	47	46	43	46	49	55	41
Automotive	....	3,082	211	234	275	259	281	288	268	281	243	257	244	239	220
Gasoline service stations	....	296	22	22	25	25	26	26	26	26	24	26	23	24	26
Lumber and building materials	....	889	55	61	73	77	81	82	79	80	79	81	76	66	55
Hardware and farm implements	....	427	27	29	37	39	40	40	38	38	37	37	35	31	28
Eating places	....	1,288	95	97	112	102	104	106	112	117	110	109	106	117	91
Drug stores	....	263	22	21	21	21	24	25	19	21	20	20	21	29	26
All other retail	....	2,156	153	156	173	175	176	181	169	185	178	181	188	240	164
Total sales by retail concerns	....	5,711	1,117	1,130	1,302	1,304	1,329	1,354	1,301	1,356	1,287	1,306	1,350	1,574	1,147
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	....	2,616	190	188	213	214	228	228	218	228	231	226	213	239	180
Total all sales at retail	....	8,327	1,308	1,317	1,516	1,517	1,557	1,582	1,519	1,584	1,518	1,532	1,563	1,813	1,328
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[11] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	....	507,386	36,224	36,378	42,586	42,254	43,098	43,687	41,927	42,701	41,637	43,294	43,844	49,756	35,818
Birmingham	....	5,029,312	350,980	363,629	421,267	417,088	429,623	433,990	415,969	441,422	425,360	418,764	423,738	487,482	363,788
Dothan	....	644,419	43,801	47,680	53,484	52,862	56,011	57,229	53,804	54,947	50,933	54,512	54,202	64,954	45,457
Florence	....	610,909	42,222	43,478	50,265	51,026	51,571	52,273	51,039	52,208	49,285	51,825	52,344	63,373	41,760
Gadsden	....	458,838	32,543	32,362	37,607	38,361	38,951	39,527	41,772	41,115	37,089	38,403	36,980	44,128	31,593
Huntsville	....	1,047,628	74,343	77,028	85,504	85,693	88,098	89,139	86,505	89,814	84,822	87,016	91,909	107,757	74,202
Mobile	....	2,098,398	149,193	150,675	173,138	177,426	179,624	185,901	179,416	184,099	170,511	173,205	174,277	200,933	145,886
Montgomery	....	1,428,542	99,383	102,858	116,574	117,041	122,705	124,747	119,637	122,001	117,358	116,380	124,547	145,311	103,425
Tuscaloosa	....	630,909	47,063	45,373	51,856	50,659	52,063	53,322	51,062	55,373	53,489	53,149	52,954	64,546	43,339
Counties															
Autauga	....	96,536	6,750	6,981	7,967	8,238	8,135	8,431	8,420	8,196	8,064	7,952	8,236	9,166	7,346
Baldwin	....	341,015	22,302	24,510	28,073	28,689	30,045	30,896	31,162	31,427	28,055	28,024	27,651	30,181	22,589
Barbour	....	71,477	4,951	4,784	5,878	5,893	6,202	6,334	6,188	6,656	5,584	6,075	6,127	6,805	5,290
Bibb	....	41,373	2,797	2,970	3,282	3,314	3,674	3,711	3,266	3,621	3,269	3,500	3,782	4,187	2,830
Blount	....	88,952	6,056	6,129	6,974	7,144	7,750	7,927	7,471	8,243	7,348	7,950	7,425	8,535	6,744
Bullock	....	25,444	2,107	2,142	2,143	2,123	1,977	2,001	2,014	2,106	2,178	1,842	2,110	2,701	2,033
Butler	....	65,479	5,521	4,604	5,453	5,554	5,364	5,473	5,667	5,679	5,721	5,140	5,499	5,804	4,969
Calhoun	....	507,386	36,224	36,378	42,586	42,254	43,098	43,687	41,927	42,701	41,637	43,294	43,844	49,756	35,818
Chambers	....	106,953	8,075	7,893	9,214	9,079	9,382	8,917	8,913	8,922	8,447	9,078	9,170	9,863	7,935
Cherokee	....	47,842	3,446	3,634	3,913	4,128	4,340	4,432	3,861	4,172	3,756	4,012	3,773	4,375	3,674
Chilton	....	99,718	6,947	7,004	8,129	8,266	8,494	8,634	8,029	8,510	8,074	8,747	8,778	10,106	7,313
Choctaw	....	36,146	2,995	2,759	3,203	3,039	2,922	3,007	3,097	3,197	2,818	2,780	2,941	3,388	2,921
Clarke	....	98,456	6,232	7,229	8,280	8,615	7,937	8,061	7,671	8,821	8,248	8,654	8,747	9,961	7,683
Clay	....	26,350	1,884	1,877	2,294	2,220	2,239	2,285	2,169	2,259	2,186	2,167	2,221	2,549	1,776
Cleburne	....	22,148	1,686	1,611	1,937	1,951	1,986	2,000	2,093	1,897	1,753	1,868	1,706	1,660	1,505
Coffee	....	185,334	13,469	14,295	16,957	16,213	16,490	16,275	14,951	15,276	14,579	14,314	14,941	17,574	13,077

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984												1985
	1983	1984	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	....	249,524	17,564	18,128	20,907	21,049	21,733	22,029	21,510	21,616	20,071	20,899	20,375	23,643	16,707
Conecuh	....	37,451	2,505	2,723	3,441	3,132	3,069	3,034	2,968	2,860	4,321	2,822	2,948	3,628	2,637
Coosa	....	8,918	619	528	723	714	700	671	760	825	813	842	827	896	732
Covington	....	136,688	9,580	10,588	12,109	11,557	11,618	11,836	11,245	12,003	11,049	11,301	10,887	12,915	9,607
Crenshaw	....	30,657	2,377	2,302	2,509	2,537	2,532	2,581	2,452	2,337	2,174	2,658	3,064	3,134	2,455
Cullman	....	237,425	15,926	16,817	19,756	20,046	20,196	20,945	20,006	19,894	19,136	21,040	20,312	23,351	15,962
Dale	....	104,456	7,035	7,619	8,766	8,492	8,857	8,984	8,944	8,834	8,908	8,753	9,014	10,250	6,483
Dallas	....	198,614	14,219	14,086	16,687	16,519	17,220	17,386	16,274	16,456	16,157	17,081	17,087	19,442	14,988
DeKalb	....	179,580	13,350	13,024	13,813	14,701	15,505	15,837	14,959	15,492	14,940	15,244	15,783	16,932	11,961
Elmore	....	101,881	7,199	7,516	8,428	8,221	8,865	9,047	8,624	9,008	8,778	8,136	8,317	9,742	7,326
Escambia	....	141,613	9,860	10,622	12,089	12,450	11,746	11,940	11,383	11,532	11,247	12,245	11,873	14,626	10,242
Etowah	....	458,838	32,543	32,362	37,607	38,361	38,951	39,527	41,772	41,115	37,089	38,403	36,980	44,128	31,593
Fayette	....	64,898	4,728	4,969	5,815	5,400	5,683	5,755	4,967	5,280	5,730	5,116	5,075	6,380	3,916
Franklin	....	99,382	6,716	7,347	8,516	8,423	8,434	8,631	8,147	8,527	8,164	8,013	8,734	9,730	7,630
Geneva	....	144,657	10,841	11,558	11,995	12,075	12,455	12,502	11,657	11,901	11,842	11,645	12,609	13,577	11,057
Greene	....	18,254	1,270	1,281	1,564	1,492	1,614	1,639	2,061	1,610	1,381	1,489	1,392	1,461	1,152
Hale	....	31,273	2,239	2,395	2,767	2,573	2,805	2,854	2,527	2,783	2,601	2,520	2,507	2,702	2,461
Henry	....	35,702	2,323	2,465	3,030	3,011	2,956	3,011	2,953	2,999	3,276	2,790	3,220	3,668	3,135
Houston	....	539,963	36,766	40,061	44,718	44,370	47,154	48,245	44,860	46,113	42,025	45,759	45,188	54,704	38,974
Jackson	....	136,207	9,261	9,452	10,927	10,913	11,322	11,636	11,259	12,662	11,325	12,047	12,000	13,403	9,839
Jefferson	....	4,275,583	298,341	310,000	360,061	355,191	363,008	366,614	351,913	374,428	363,267	354,768	360,155	417,837	305,811
Lamar	....	37,829	2,691	2,901	3,797	3,127	3,428	3,472	3,123	3,078	2,963	2,950	3,146	3,153	2,721
Lauderdale	....	361,385	24,658	25,350	29,358	29,977	29,838	30,244	29,529	30,592	29,214	30,926	31,969	39,730	25,053
Lawrence	....	51,680	3,647	3,475	4,135	4,216	4,585	4,677	4,108	4,442	4,234	4,400	4,537	5,224	3,860
Lee	....	345,920	24,947	24,526	28,202	28,137	29,207	29,589	28,061	29,065	29,660	29,300	30,458	34,768	23,567
Limestone	....	161,194	11,168	11,418	13,548	13,572	14,093	14,358	13,124	13,880	13,397	13,071	13,888	15,677	11,856
Lowndes	....	16,772	1,280	1,215	1,337	1,380	1,462	1,480	1,336	1,366	1,365	1,422	1,382	1,747	1,366
Macon	....	44,969	3,851	3,179	3,476	3,651	3,754	3,835	3,767	4,289	3,993	3,646	3,601	3,927	3,550
Madison	....	1,047,628	74,343	77,028	85,504	85,693	68,098	89,139	86,505	89,814	84,822	87,016	91,909	107,757	74,202
Marengo	....	68,938	5,603	5,112	5,668	5,439	5,510	5,634	5,465	5,847	5,486	5,753	6,240	7,181	5,376
Marion	....	95,248	6,860	7,017	8,213	7,474	7,926	8,139	7,811	7,993	7,848	7,633	8,320	10,014	7,418
Marshall	....	338,804	22,754	23,969	27,934	28,111	29,288	29,820	28,261	29,634	28,249	28,193	29,471	33,120	25,563
Mobile	....	1,757,383	126,891	126,165	145,065	148,737	149,579	155,005	148,254	152,672	142,456	145,181	146,626	170,752	123,297
Monroe	....	102,557	6,167	6,518	8,373	7,656	7,711	7,937	7,721	9,954	9,182	8,969	11,469	10,900	6,003
Montgomery	....	1,230,125	85,434	88,361	100,179	100,582	105,705	107,269	102,593	104,797	100,516	100,292	107,994	126,403	88,753
Morgan	....	452,095	30,391	31,383	36,643	37,601	38,520	39,123	36,426	38,736	37,971	38,261	40,320	46,720	37,704
Perry	....	25,137	1,688	1,870	2,145	2,028	2,148	2,171	2,096	2,313	2,378	2,162	1,992	2,146	1,694
Pickens	....	41,257	2,964	2,925	3,487	3,625	3,638	3,686	3,447	3,564	3,315	3,586	3,285	3,735	2,719
Pike	....	90,330	6,442	6,699	7,666	7,344	7,577	7,498	7,147	7,892	7,630	8,004	7,706	8,725	7,118
Randolph	....	57,861	5,140	4,642	4,900	4,443	4,788	4,861	4,674	4,446	4,674	4,793	5,179	5,321	5,361
Russell	....	121,271	8,180	8,983	10,008	9,962	10,377	10,404	10,384	10,772	10,002	10,333	10,093	11,773	8,501
St. Clair	....	120,905	8,317	9,182	10,380	9,984	10,753	10,936	10,100	10,278	10,194	10,524	9,502	10,755	8,843
Shelby	....	252,103	17,848	17,886	21,005	20,782	22,707	22,932	21,957	23,309	20,502	21,052	20,654	21,469	19,724
Sumter	....	30,816	2,342	2,163	2,866	2,444	2,410	2,508	2,530	2,556	2,431	2,602	2,888	3,076	2,194
Talladega	....	239,763	17,279	17,186	19,187	20,357	22,808	21,292	20,634	19,730	18,615	19,161	20,017	23,497	17,474
Tallapoosa	....	127,086	9,468	9,644	10,653	11,075	11,406	11,589	10,720	10,378	9,840	10,110	10,508	11,695	8,169
Tuscaloosa	....	630,909	47,063	45,373	51,856	50,659	52,063	53,322	51,062	55,373	53,489	53,149	52,954	64,546	43,339
Walker	....	291,769	20,418	20,432	22,847	23,987	25,405	25,581	24,528	25,164	24,049	24,470	26,002	28,886	22,666
Washington	....	21,437	1,576	1,619	1,720	1,825	1,931	1,971	1,695	2,022	1,791	1,896	1,622	1,769	1,442
Wilcox	....	27,979	2,385	2,092	2,419	2,249	2,406	2,468	2,356	2,313	2,227	2,290	2,188	2,586	1,979
Winston	....	71,144	4,972	5,188	6,015	6,159	6,434	6,439	5,736	6,070	5,970	5,642	5,306	6,613	5,296
Statewide[11]	....	972,040	84,042	63,303	74,534	77,098	75,460	77,990	76,183	82,132	83,029	86,026	85,961	106,282	82,662
BUILDING PERMITS[12]															
Alabama															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	1,079,085	1,258,032	65,449	75,497	99,328	193,079	97,366	115,116	99,776	147,117	80,497	84,514	95,153	105,139	60,081
Residential	449,881	438,383	24,927	38,376	39,447	46,811	38,102	43,568	36,909	42,389	33,332	36,966	36,682	20,874	25,969
Nonresidential	366,127	586,743	22,711	21,524	32,351	130,709	42,724	53,582	44,597	79,263	27,171	29,249	36,821	66,040	21,592
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	8,848	8,869	595	644	790	788	915	842	833	749	694	737	669	613	659
Residential	3,593	3,530	247	255	317	317	408	324	322	317	248	256	255	263	258
Nonresidential	932	1,213	75	93	126	113	117	139	104	92	90	95	93	76	111
Birmingham															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	213,343	104,141	5,689	4,413	8,945	7,619	5,562	8,258	8,169	14,214	10,005	5,797	12,365	13,105	5,535
Residential	31,921	15,598	1,100	1,574	2,100	2,551	814	1,299	763	1,285	1,271	1,076	963	802	773
Nonresidential	108,370	25,706	985	530	1,071	90	768	2,963	2,369	1,967	3,606	4,675	1,568	5,114	2,057
Decatur															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	14,095	18,028	912	1,111	1,075	1,106	1,520	1,342	1,909	2,170	1,767	1,920	1,720	1,476	1,444
Residential	7,340	11,596	673	845	739	739	1,096	925	1,080	1,357	1,053	1,142	1,052	897	814
Nonresidential	2,156	2,744	73	81	115	139	172	171	355	429	318	347	294	249	283
Dothan															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	18,943	17,520	1,075	1,064	1,558	1,353	1,326	1,514	901	1,599	1,344	1,857	2,461	1,458	967
Residential	7,760	6,718	444	631	685	695	448	759	182	226	370	670	1,405	203	324
Nonresidential	6,339	5,473	457	100	452	518	238	257	125	641	666	860	680	483	58
Gadsden															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	13,596	9,310	656	530	214	565	1,351	865	166	260	886	2,546	1,057	215	123
Residential	2,006	2,129	110	57	92	347	976	219	26	74	46	53	128	....	56
Nonresidential	3,912	5,826	24	452	102	163	122	493	101	143	813	2,331	894	188	40
Huntsville															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	122,759	147,927	6,115	16,817	12,836	8,111	13,997	13,853	14,007	14,163	6,626	8,187	13,808	19,407	6,178
Residential	51,350	55,064	2,203	7,732	4,874	4,843	3,753	6,032	3,331	6,078	2,825	2,982	8,817	1,593	2,863
Nonresidential	45,128	73,370	2,270	5,358	7,169	2,413	8,366	5,970	9,394	6,045	3,339	3,835	3,266	15,945	2,668
Mobile															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	109,508	254,605	3,718	5,366	17,080	116,254	6,250	36,928	6,707	4,020	6,484	10,322	10,320	31,156	7,730
Residential	38,261	26,314	984	1,470	1,424	2,639	2,009	6,935	3,208	1,071	1,201	2,636	1,673	1,065	1,478
Nonresidential	49,663	197,690	1,419	2,488	4,160	112,221	3,331	28,665	2,127	1,153	3,886	2,288	7,264	28,688	5,120

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984												1985
	1983	1984	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	76,984	94 862	14,164	5,100	6,477	6,330	6,994	7,007	8,192	8,070	7,254	8,188	11,037	6,049	6,354
Residential	32,619	35,697	2,436	2,131	2,462	2,509	2,493	2,528	3,504	3,361	2,991	3,262	5,463	2,557	2,140
Nonresidential	28,264	46,198	9,934	1,882	2,727	2,496	3,043	3,059	3,719	3,896	3,407	4,000	5,193	2,840	3,750
Quad-Cities[13]															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	12,978	39,267	2,642	1,410	4,666	2,443	4,910	1,260	2,227	1,799	2,246	1,917	800	12,947	881
Residential	6,391	7,172	480	754	1,298	700	792	323	633	721	533	430	381	128	331
Nonresidential	3,506	23,675	207	585	3,031	1,079	3,887	614	1,265	160	196	323	178	12,150	48
Selma															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	4,197	7,002	1,826	213	219	1,019	356	158	994	184	819	580	309	312	36
Residential	357	643	....	....	24	87	82	117	148	75	....	76	35		36
Nonresidential	798	1,908	3	133	36	717	35	....	7		617	4	188	167	
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	30,159	34,459	1,505	2,647	3,328	1,804	4,323	4,183	1,719	2,805	2,463	2,228	3,113	3,738	1,420
Residential	14,849	15,717	1,032	1,163	2,097	988	2,153	1,284	737	1,634	1,356	789	1,268	1,218	880
Nonresidential	6,227	10,707	132	929	573	277	1,529	1,901	615	360	552	1,145	864	2,028	100

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. [1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[11] Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census *of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties. It does not represent a state total.**

[12] Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

[13] Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

Orders Being Taken for AEO 1985: Twelve Regional Models

Orders are now being accepted for the *Alabama Economic Outlook 1985: Twelve Regional Models*, the latest product of the Alabama Econometric Model. The report presents economic forecasts for each of the twelve planning regions of Alabama through 1990.

The publication is being produced jointly by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs and the Center for Business and Economic Research. The 156-page document examines the recent past and the forecast for the economies of the state's twelve planning regions through narratives, data tables, and figures. Features of the *AEO 1985: Twelve Regional Models* include an overview of how the regions compare among themselves and comparisons of the performance of each region's economy against that of the state. The narratives concentrate on projected trends in the economic indicators of income and employment for each region.

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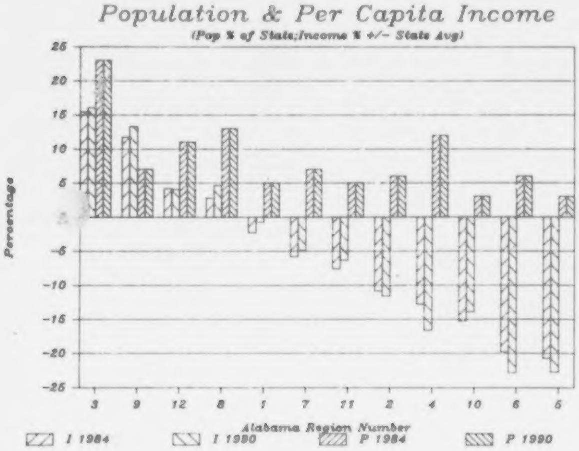


Figure 3

the state average. This means that much of the state's wealth is concentrated in these four urban areas with the remaining eight below the state average by 2 to 20 percentage points. Of these eight, five have annual per capita incomes more than 10 percent below the state average. Figure 3 combines plots of per capita personal income and regional population as a percentage of the state total. Focusing on those regions with per capita personal income below the state average, the population plots show that approximately 40 percent of Alabamians live in these eight low income areas.

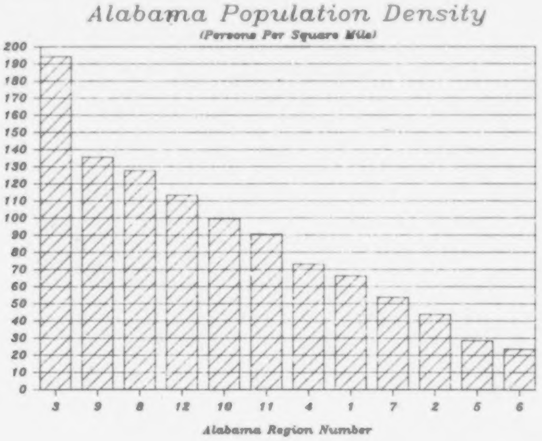
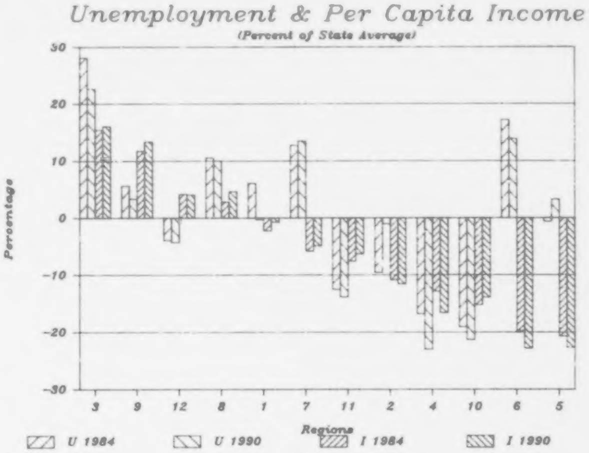


Figure 4

Figure 4 highlights the population density of Alabama's major urban centers. The Jefferson County area, with a population density of over 190 persons per square mile, is Alabama's most highly concentrated region. Like most large industrial centers, the Jefferson County region suffers from high unemployment. Figure 5 profiles Alabama's unemployment and per capita income figures, revealing the seemingly incongruous combination of high unemployment and high per capita personal income within the same region. Regions 3 (Birmingham area), 8 (Mobile area), and 9 (Montgomery area) all reflect higher than average unemployment and per capita personal income. Region 12 (Huntsville area) shows the pattern of a new industrial community with lower than average unemployment and higher than average per capita personal income. The emergence of new industry can also be seen in the rising wage rates in the region. Table 3 reports current and forecasted average annual wage and salary income per employee.

Regions 1 (Quad Cities area), 7 (Dothan area), 5 (the south central area), and 6 (southwest area) are light industrial regions suffering cyclical unemployment and the consequent loss of income. These same regions also show the lowest wages of all Alabama's regions. Alabama's rural regions, typical of agricultural counties, are marked by lower than average unemployment and lower than average per capita personal income. This pattern can be seen in Figure 5 for regions 10 (Lee County area), 11 (Cullman-Decatur area), and 4 (Anniston-Gadsden-Talladega area).



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Alabama's Veterans: A Comparison by Sex

Dana Stone

This article presents an analysis of selected demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of female veterans in Alabama compared with similar information on their male counterparts as reflected in the 1980 decennial census. The data on Alabama veterans by sex were obtained from the Public Use Microdata Tapes, which contain information from the 5 percent sample of Alabamians, rather than the less detailed 100 percent count. Other data were obtained from the 100 percent census count and special tabulations performed by the Veterans Administration.

The socioeconomic position of Alabama's service veterans is not significantly different from that of the United States' service veterans as a whole. In 1980 for both Alabama and the United States, female veterans as well as females as a whole demonstrated less than equal status with their male counterparts. Women earned less income than their male counterparts; participated less in the labor force than did their male equivalents; and completed college at a rate below that for males. Female veterans also represented more than half of the comparable share of peacetime veterans among males in Alabama as well as the United States.

Age

In 1980, there were 428,800 veterans in Alabama, of whom only 3.6 percent were female. The youngest segment of the state's female veterans, those under 25 years old, was proportionately larger at 10.3 percent compared to 3.3 percent for male veterans of the same age group. The same phenomenon was true for the United States as a whole, for which the youngest sector of female veterans—those under 35 years old—represented 27.7 percent of all female veterans, while the corresponding share for male veterans was half that proportion (13.3 percent). The larger percentage of female veterans under 35 years old both in Alabama and the United States points toward women's increasing level of participation in the military during the last ten years.

While female veterans tend to be younger than their male counterparts in both Alabama and the United States, the opposite appears evident for the nonveteran civilian population in Alabama. In 1980, 22.1 percent of nonveteran civilian females in Alabama was under 25 years old, while 33.7 percent of the nonveteran civilian male population was under 25.

The size of the female veteran population aged 65 and over in Alabama and the United States is reflective of the elderly population in general. In 1980, female veterans 65 years old and over equalled 16.8 percent of the total female veteran population in Alabama, a share proportionately larger than the similarly aged male veterans, 9.7 percent. At the end of September 1984, 22.1 percent of the female veteran population in the United States was at least 65 years old while 16.2 percent of the male veteran population was similarly aged. Among nonveteran civilians in Alabama in 1980, 17.4 percent of the females and 14.5 percent of the males were at least 65 years old.

War and Peace

The span of service of a majority of male and female veterans included a time of war. The 1980 female veteran population was comprised of 57.4 percent war veterans and 41.9 percent peacetime veterans, while for male veterans the figures were 84.0 percent war veterans and 16.0 percent peacetime veterans. Of the total war veterans in Alabama, only 2.5 percent were women. By comparison, 8.9 percent of the state's total peacetime veterans were women. In 1984, 37.2 percent of the female veterans in the United States were peacetime veterans compared to 17.9 percent of male peacetime veterans.

In Alabama, 16.9 percent of the female peacetime veteran population were under the age of 25, while only 4.5 percent of the female war veterans were 25 years old or younger. Similarly, 14.2 percent of the male peacetime veterans were under age 25 compared to 1.3 percent of male war veterans under 25 years old. This phenomenon also holds true for the elderly veteran population. A higher percentage of male and female veterans 65 years old and over were peacetime veterans rather than war veterans. Twenty percent of female peacetime veterans were 65 years old and over compared to 14.6 percent female war veterans similarly aged. The number of male war veterans 65 years old and over equalled 10.7 percent compared to 3.9 percent of the total male peacetime veterans in the same age group.

Education

The percentage of female and male veterans in Alabama who completed high school appears to be representative of the general population. The percentage of female high school graduates was equal to or slightly above the percentage of males who completed high school. In Alabama, all females 15 years old and over who graduated from high school equalled 54.7 percent compared to 55.0 percent for males. For veterans specifically, 36.8 percent of the females and 34.0 percent of males completed high school. Males completed college at a higher rate than females. In Alabama in 1980, 8.5 percent of females 15 years old and over completed four or more years of college compared to 11.8 percent of males in the same age group. Similarly, 9.3 percent of male veterans in Alabama completed college compared to 7.7 percent for female veterans. The percentage of veterans that completed college was less than that for general population of the state. Hence, it is difficult to show the importance of the G.I. Bill to increase post-secondary education attainment by veterans in Alabama. The proportion of male and female veterans in Alabama that completed secondary and post-secondary education is reflective of the levels of educational attainment among veterans in the United States as a whole. For the U.S. in 1980, the levels of educational attainment for both male and female veterans were fairly equal. Of the total female veteran population, 77.3 percent graduated from high school. Correspondingly, 73.4 percent of the total male veteran population completed high school. College graduates comprised 14.8 percent of the female veteran population in 1980, a share slightly below the 18.7 percent for male veterans.

Labor Force Participation

The proportion of male and female veterans in the labor force, both employed and unemployed, as well as the propor-

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1984											1985	
	1983	1984	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	23,071	28,068	2,434	2,518	2,211	2,327	2,377	2,056	2,590	2,418	2,517	2,238	2,201	1,916	1,931
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	126,576	137,180	11,264	10,750	11,386	11,920	9,984	10,667	11,898	11,371	11,742	12,156	13,079	12,825	11,617
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	360,820	338,597	31,542	29,964	27,531	30,038	26,733	23,408	29,670	28,420	30,981	26,510	25,200	25,162	25,680
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	18,708	19,807	1,578	1,590	1,533	1,673	1,583	1,752	1,680	1,673	1,662	1,696	1,763	1,761	1,634
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	21,020	24,250	1,958	1,919	1,983	2,005	2,104	2,039	2,146	2,135	2,097	2,063	1,971	1,912	1,960
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,166	6,514	526	580	571	525	561	534	559	540	571	520	496	533	509
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,763,700	3,031,500	156,200	243,100	175,200	571,700	231,400	210,600	383,400	202,200	230,000	235,000	168,700	215,200	243,700
Residential	1,286,500	1,228,200	78,600	125,600	104,600	117,500	114,100	105,900	163,200	96,800	84,200	90,300	51,200	87,200	83,900
Nonresidential	1,025,800	929,500	36,300	66,500	48,500	92,500	71,300	60,700	137,900	43,900	88,100	84,200	89,500	90,300	133,100
Public works and utilities	451,300	873,500	41,300	51,000	22,100	361,300	46,400	43,900	84,200	59,300	57,800	60,500	28,000	37,500	26,900
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,086	1,197	87	108	100	112	117	102	110	105	105	100	83	64	70
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	5,263	5,887	5,323	5,389	5,387	5,416	5,492	5,544	5,606	5,681	5,740	5,805	5,887	5,961	6,013
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,288,165	2,637,841	202,747	264,652	234,338	246,438	198,192	195,871	215,569	241,633	225,955	217,523	188,995	234,054	208,140
Franchise	52,214	64,476	1,153	28,642	5,879	1,275	2,504	8,422	2,315	6,357	4,799	2,537	292	743	1,415
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	199,587	207,095	16,305	15,305	17,523	17,585	17,564	17,504	17,752	18,217	16,284	17,697	16,942	17,148	16,883
Income	815,838	1,009,832	95,328	130,393	82,889	130,465	81,367	42,840	90,776	92,998	48,127	88,819	76,705	65,174	99,678
Motor fuels	45,027	50,278	4,409	3,448	3,899	4,703	3,735	3,580	5,287	3,166	4,583	5,374	4,679	3,572	4,033
Oil/gas privilege	89,645	70,183	5,924	5,475	5,164	5,571	5,438	5,605	9,662	5,294	5,319	4,829	6,159	5,629	5,747
Oil/gas production	17,290	17,331	1,565	1,442	1,384	1,480	1,437	1,478	1,322	1,409	1,413	1,267	1,649	1,504	1,537
Sales	609,132	704,299	49,655	50,142	55,808	56,985	58,145	57,514	56,957	58,767	81,495	58,477	52,785	74,362	50,419
2.2% Gross receipts	46,185	54,765	152	9	13,448	210	1	13,723	......	15	13,638	66	......	13,643	......
TVA electric	31,290	36,734	......	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	6,895	......	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451
Tobacco	68,915	70,022	4,985	5,418	5,734	6,072	6,211	5,980	6,516	6,380	5,990	5,939	5,313	6,299	5,573
Use	66,519	75,723	1,975	1,045	15,351	2,019	604	16,868	1,310	1,419	18,146	1,389	531	18,440	842
Utility	152,287	151,261	15,900	13,171	11,714	9,654	11,225	12,587	14,277	12,234	10,527	11,889	13,322	16,356	12,754
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	298.4	311.1	306.6	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	316.1	317.4
Food	291.7	302.9	302.1	302.2	302.3	301.4	302.0	303.2	304.8	304.2	304.4	304.1	305.1	307.3	309.5
Housing	323.1	336.5	331.0	331.5	333.2	334.6	336.2	338.1	339.5	341.4	341.2	340.9	341.2	342.0	343.6
Fuel and utilities	370.3	387.3	383.0	380.1	380.9	385.5	390.0	393.9	395.5	397.0	392.4	387.5	386.0	387.2	386.5
Apparel and upkeep	196.5	200.2	196.2	198.8	199.2	198.9	197.4	196.6	200.1	204.2	205.7	205.2	203.2	199.8	201.8
Transportation	298.4	311.7	305.8	306.9	309.6	312.2	313.1	312.9	312.9	313.7	315.5	316.1	315.8	314.7	314.3
Medical care	357.3	379.5	373.2	374.5	375.7	376.8	378.0	380.3	381.9	383.1	385.5	387.5	388.5	391.1	393.8
Energy	419.3	423.6	420.2	418.1	421.3	426.1	428.5	428.3	427.3	429.0	426.7	421.8	418.9	414.5	411.4
Producer Price Index, U.S.[6] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	303.1	310.3	308.9	311.0	311.3	311.5	311.3	311.9	310.7	309.3	309.4	310.3	309.9	309.8	309.2
Industrial commodities	315.7	322.6	320.6	321.9	322.6	323.2	323.8	323.9	323.3	322.2	323.4	323.8	323.0	323.2	322.5
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers *(1977 = 100)*	121.3	127.9	138.0	138.0	138.0	134.0	127.0	129.0	121.0	122.0	115.0	119.0	114.0	117.0	117.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	.335	.321	.326	.325	.324	.323	.322	.321	.319	.318	.317	.317	.317	.316	.315
Wholesale prices	.330	.322	.324	.322	.321	.321	.321	.321	.322	.323	.323	.322	.323	.323	.323
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT[7]															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,758.0	1,794.0	1,753.1	1,766.2	1,790.3	1,804.8	1,821.5	1,815.0	1,807.5	1,808.3	1,816.4	1,801.5	1,797.5	1,794.7	1,796.2
Unemployment	240.0	200.0	205.4	203.6	191.5	188.8	200.6	211.6	196.0	197.9	190.8	192.3	208.0	203.7	196.9
Unemployment rate	13.7	11.1	11.7	11.5	10.7	10.5	11.0	11.7	10.8	10.9	10.5	10.7	11.6	11.4	11.0
Employment	1,518.0	1,594.0	1,547.7	1,562.6	1,598.8	1,616.0	1,620.9	1,603.4	1,611.5	1,610.4	1,625.6	1,609.2	1,589.5	1,591.0	1,599.3
Nonagricultural	1,328.8	1,383.6	1,354.6	1,362.1	1,379.7	1,385.8	1,403.1	1,391.6	1,396.3	1,390.8	1,398.0	1,400.4	1,394.5	1,383.0	1,384.5
Manufacturing	340.9	358.5	353.3	355.9	361.4	363.1	367.2	358.8	364.6	358.3	360.5	358.8	349.0	352.1	352.6
Durable goods	159.2	173.5	168.0	170.9	173.4	174.6	177.1	175.7	176.7	176.0	175.5	175.2	173.6	172.8	173.8
Lumber and wood products	27.9	29.7	28.4	29.2	29.4	29.8	30.4	30.6	30.8	30.4	30.1	29.5	29.4	28.8	28.9
Stone, clay, glass products	8.7	8.8	8.6	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.2	8.8	8.4
Primary metals	24.8	26.4	25.5	26.4	26.6	26.9	27.0	26.5	26.9	26.5	26.2	26.6	26.3	26.4	26.2
Blast furn. and steel works	5.7	7.4	7.1	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3
Iron and steel foundries	10.5	10.1	9.6	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.5	10.6	10.6
Fabricated metals	21.8	23.0	22.7	22.7	22.9	23.0	23.1	23.2	23.4	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.5
Machinery (excl. electrical)	15.1	17.7	16.9	17.4	17.6	17.7	18.0	18.0	17.9	18.1	17.8	18.0	18.0	18.2	18.4
Electrical, electronic equip.	21.5	23.2	22.7	22.6	22.9	23.1	23.5	23.3	23.3	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.6	22.9	23.1
Transportation	21.7	25.3	23.8	24.2	25.0	25.2	25.9	25.8	26.0	26.2	26.6	25.9	25.7	25.5	26.0
Other durable goods	17.7	19.5	19.4	19.6	20.0	19.9	20.2	19.3	19.3	19.2	19.4	19.7	19.2	18.9	19.0
Nondurable goods	181.7	184.9	185.3	185.0	188.0	188.5	190.1	183.1	187.9	182.3	185.0	183.6	175.4	179.3	178.8
Food	27.0	28.0	27.0	27.1	27.5	27.8	28.2	28.3	28.4	28.4	28.8	29.0	28.2	28.5	28.6
Textile mill products	39.1	39.3	40.5	40.6	40.8	40.7	40.2	38.5	39.8	37.7	37.8	37.5	36.9	36.6	35.9
Apparel	54.9	55.0	56.1	55.5	57.3	57.6	58.3	52.8	56.3	53.3	55.5	54.2	47.2	50.7	51.2
Paper and allied products	21.5	21.3	21.1	21.0	21.2	21.2	21.7	21.7	21.5	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.1	21.4	21.2
Printing and publishing	10.6	11.3	11.1	11.1	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.4	11.3	11.4	11.6	11.7
Chemicals and allied products	11.8	11.9	11.8	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.9	12.0	11.9
Rubber products	14.8	16.0	15.5	15.6	15.8	15.7	16.1	16.3	16.3	16.3	16.2	16.3	16.5	16.3	16.3
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0
Nonmanufacturing	987.9	1,025.1	1,001.3	1,006.2	1,018.3	1,022.7	1,035.9	1,032.8	1,031.7	1,032.5	1,037.5	1,041.6	1,045.5	1,030.9	1,031.9
Mining and quarrying	13.7	14.4	13.9	13.9	14.2	14.3	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.2	14.6	14.7	14.7	15.0
Bituminous coal mining	10.3	9.9	9.8	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	9.6	10.0	10.3	10.3	10.5
Contract construction	59.8	64.5	60.1	61.2	62.8	64.2	66.8	67.4	67.4	67.9	66.2	65.2	66.6	63.7	62.3
Trans., comm., and utilities	69.7	72.1	70.6	71.0	71.5	72.3	73.4	72.7	73.2	72.5	72.7	72.5	72.4	71.4	71.4
Trade	273.3	290.3	277.5	279.9	285.4	287.7	291.3	292.1	295.2	296.3	296.2	299.9	303.5	292.5	289.7
Wholesale	70.1	73.6	71.3	71.8	72.8	73.1	74.3	74.8	74.8	74.7	74.7	75.0	74.9	74.1	73.6
Retail	203.1	216.7	206.2	208.1	212.6	214.6	217.0	217.3	220.4	221.6	221.5	224.9	228.6	218.4	216.1
Finance, insurance, real estate	59.9	62.6	61.1	61.5	61.9	62.2	63.0	63.5	63.4	63.2	63.2	63.5	63.8	63.8	63.9
Service and miscellaneous	218.9	227.5	223.1	225.5	228.6	228.3	229.6	228.6	228.6	228.9	229.8	228.6	228.7	228.6	230.0
Government	292.7	293.8	295.0	293.2	293.9	293.7	297.2	293.9	289.2	288.9	295.2	297.3	295.8	296.2	299.6
Federal	65.3	64.8	64.9	63.5	64.0	64.1	64.5	64.8	65.1	65.0	65.0	65.4	65.5	65.5	65.7
State and local	227.3	229.1	230.1	229.7	229.9	229.6	232.7	229.1	224.1	223.9	230.2	231.9	230.3	230.7	233.9

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984											1985	
	1983	1984	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct	Nov	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	207,309	212,083	16,014	16,084	14,672	17,512	18,528	20,564	20,649	16,081	21,966	18,684	13,391	21,285	16,261
Nonagricultural placements	91,100	97,761	5,509	6,477	7,082	7,314	9,582	14,871	14,203	7,719	7,844	6,543	4,876	5,229	4,821
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	428,181	435,832	29,677	28,150	24,214	25,009	23,457	50,560	37,376	29,346	36,116	35,891	41,032	74,659	34,635
Payments *($1,000)*	191,868	172,593	15,901	15,566	11,949	13,048	12,192	13,536	15,564	12,258	13,716	14,253	16,158	21,274	16,520
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,780	15,670	15,290	15,410	15,650	15,740	15,790	15,620	15,640	15,780	15,800	16,070	15,920	15,910	15,880
	14.1	9.6	10.2	9.8	9.4	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.4	9.3	8.6	10.9	10.5	10.1	9.5
Baldwin	33,830	35,530	34,700	34,800	35,000	34,840	35,460	35,830	35,400	37,450	35,440	35,630	37,380	35,550	35,830
	12.3	10.9	12.2	11.5	9.7	8.6	8.9	10.0	9.3	14.8	8.9	9.7	14.7	9.9	10.1
Barbour	11,980	12,220	11,780	11,920	12,150	12,410	12,380	12,300	12,320	12,480	12,740	12,340	12,200	11,930	11,950
	13.1	10.5	10.7	9.2	9.1	9.0	9.6	10.3	9.7	10.9	12.7	10.7	12.4	13.2	12.3
Bibb	5,940	6,240	5,910	6,130	6,320	6,270	6,370	6,320	6,380	6,310	6,250	6,300	6,210	6,210	6,190
	19.6	16.6	17.5	17.8	17.2	16.1	14.5	14.5	16.7	14.3	13.0	15.6	19.9	19.9	16.6
Blount	13,520	16,760	16,690	17,740	16,710	16,610	16,710	16,990	16,450	16,520	16,640	16,690	16,990	17,070	16,620
	18.1	11.0	12.6	17.1	10.5	9.4	9.2	11.1	8.6	9.1	9.5	10.4	11.8	12.3	9.6
Bullock	4,530	4,520	4,200	4,220	4,360	4,500	4,580	4,560	4,670	4,730	4,980	4,730	4,500	4,330	4,350
	17.2	14.5	12.8	12.4	11.3	11.1	14.8	17.1	16.9	14.4	16.0	14.8	17.6	16.8	15.4
Butler	9,900	9,800	9,550	9,630	9,770	9,810	9,880	9,920	9,870	10,000	10,190	9,710	9,650	9,560	9,560
	17.3	13.8	14.1	14.1	12.7	12.7	14.0	15.1	14.4	13.1	13.4	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.9
Calhoun	46,560	47,500	46,210	46,560	47,070	47,360	47,830	48,570	48,190	47,840	48,210	48,110	48,020	47,960	48,150
	13.1	11.3	11.5	11.4	10.1	10.0	10.6	13.7	11.7	10.5	11.2	11.5	11.2	11.4	11.7
Chambers	16,920	16,500	16,520	16,560	16,880	16,940	16,890	16,870	16,570	16,380	16,200	15,930	15,960	16,050	16,340
	9.8	9.3	8.8	8.6	8.9	10.5	10.9	11.6	9.7	9.0	8.9	8.3	8.4	9.2	11.6
Cherokee	11,400	11,670	11,310	11,400	11,800	11,930	11,130	11,580	12,090	12,320	12,290	11,620	11,080	11,000	11,090
	15.4	14.0	15.2	18.6	10.7	10.9	18.7	18.1	8.7	8.3	16.1	15.6	15.8	16.7	16.6
Chilton	15 420	16,180	16,490	16,510	16,200	16,510	16,290	16,020	16,070	15,950	16,030	15,980	15,520	15,840	15,780
	13.3	11.3	10.2	10.6	10.8	10.5	11.2	11.8	11.7	10.9	11.3	13.1	12.8	14.4	13.3
Choctaw	5,560	5,790	5,610	5,620	5,750	6,000	5,790	5,810	5,730	6,050	5,850	5,820	5,930	5,780	5,870
	15.2	16.3	14.3	14.6	12.8	13.8	14.1	18.4	14.4	22.4	18.6	15.1	22.9	16.0	16.2
Clarke	10,810	10,630	10,550	10,630	10,540	10,640	10,690	10,880	10,600	10,810	10,400	10,540	10,550	10,420	10,560
	16.2	14.3	13.4	12.8	12.2	12.7	12.9	15.0	13.1	19.8	12.9	14.0	18.7	11.9	12.8
Clay	7,520	7,580	7,330	7,450	7,590	7,760	7,600	7,560	7,740	7,740	7,670	7,610	7,580	7,530	7,360
	13.8	10.9	11.0	10.7	10.1	10.8	11.7	12.0	11.7	10.5	8.6	9.7	12.8	10.0	10.8
Cleburne	5,210	5,250	5,170	5,240	5,180	5,220	5,270	5,490	5,170	5,240	5,310	5,320	5,310	5,340	5,360
	12.5	10.2	9.9	10.2	8.6	8.6	10.5	14.2	10.0	8.1	8.2	11.7	12.0	11.6	12.7
Coffee	20,040	20,210	19,810	19,920	20,020	20,470	20,510	20,450	20,350	20,410	20,900	20,250	19,890	19,730	19,930
	10.8	6.4	9.5	9.1	7.7	8.2	8.2	8.7	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.3	7.7	7.8
Colbert	24,050	23,920	23,590	23,660	24,190	24,030	24,430	24,200	24,120	24,080	23,810	23,920	23,880	23,760	24,250
	18.5	16.4	18.5	17.2	17.2	16.1	16.2	16.7	15.4	15.2	14.7	15.5	16.6	16.8	18.0
Conecuh	7,010	7,210	6,860	6,960	7,060	7,290	7,160	7,170	7,060	7,680	7,420	7,350	7,650	7,280	7,290
	12.7	11.8	12.8	11.8	10.8	10.1	10.9	11.5	9.6	14.7	10.5	10.6	15.3	11.2	10.3
Coosa	5,570	5,600	5,510	5,470	5,550	5,590	5,570	5,540	5,620	5,770	5,710	5,700	5,690	5,830	5,670
	10.3	8.0	8.3	7.5	7.6	6.9	8.4	8.1	8.6	9.1	7.2	8.0	8.4	10.4	9.4
Covington	16,340	16,370	16,370	16,370	16,390	16,490	16,470	16,390	16,470	16,250	16,520	16,090	16,360	17,060	16,680
	12.3	9.9	12.1	10.7	9.7	9.0	9.2	10.6	9.4	8.0	8.9	8.6	10.8	15.1	12.6
Crenshaw	7,220	7,460	7,120	7,170	7,490	7,760	7,550	7,390	7,510	7,950	7,840	7,440	7,340	6,990	7,060
	12.1	11.0	10.1	11.3	9.5	10.3	9.8	10.3	9.5	16.0	8.0	9.1	16.7	10.3	10.3
Cullman	28,710	29,550	28,580	28,610	29,540	29,890	29,840	29,670	30,220	30,070	30,600	29,960	29,470	30,020	29,690
	14.7	11.5	13.1	12.4	10.4	9.7	10.3	11.0	12.3	9.6	10.4	12.3	13.9	15.3	13.3
Dale	12,980	22,740	22,120	22 560	22,880	23,040	23,070	22,850	22,690	22,960	23,210	22,920	22,640	22,630	22,810
	13.7	7.7	7.9	8.5	7.8	7.5	7.7	8.7	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.2	6.9	6.8	7.1
Dallas	23,640	23,130	22,470	22,440	22,970	23,110	23,490	23,430	23,660	23,510	23,690	23,250	23,140	23,160	23,160
	17.5	15.7	15.3	14.8	15.1	14.3	15.4	16.3	16.9	16.0	16.5	16.0	15.8	15.4	15.2
DeKalb	29,950	30,830	29,500	29,680	30 760	31,290	31,700	32,030	31,660	31,050	31,330	30,940	30,670	30,670	30,530
	13.8	10.8	11.3	11.1	10.2	9.9	10.5	10.9	9.5	9.7	10.2	10.8	12.4	12.6	12.3
Elmore	20,770	20,770	20,220	20,460	20,770	21,020	21,130	20,890	20,900	20,940	21,020	20,910	20,810	20,960	21,170
	12.2	7.7	8.1	8.1	7.6	7.7	7.9	7.8	7.3	7.5	7.0	7.4	7.4	7.7	8.2
Escambia	17,430	18,110	17,700	17,500	17,980	18,220	18,470	18,270	18,140	18,610	18,100	18,270	18,360	18,070	17,910
	12.6	12.1	12.0	10.9	10.6	11.1	10.6	10.8	10.1	16.9	10.3	11.8	17.0	11.0	9.5
Etowah	42,450	42,610	41,830	41,990	42,410	42,270	42,710	43,080	43,190	43,200	43,020	42,890	42,870	42,270	42,210
	17.5	13.4	14.0	13.5	13.0	11.9	12.1	13.7	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.9	14.7	14.3	14.0
Fayette	10,170	10,440	10,200	10,340	10,460	10,550	10,460	10,390	10,570	10,580	10,570	10,610	10,440	10,510	10,500
	11.7	9.5	8.7	9.1	8.6	8.2	8.7	9.8	10.1	8.9	10.3	10.5	12.2	14.6	13.7
Franklin	14,200	14,830	14,780	14,990	14,950	15,090	15,200	15,340	14,930	14,520	14,610	14,550	14,560	14,420	14,580
	18.2	18.6	21.1	20.9	17.5	17.1	15.6	20.8	17.3	16.2	15.7	17.9	18.9	20.5	20.2
Geneva	11,400	11,740	11,110	11,270	11,620	11,940	12,220	12,060	11,740	11,920	12,370	11,900	11,560	11,620	11,660
	10.5	8.2	8.5	8.4	8.1	7.6	7.5	9.4	7.2	6.8	8.3	8.3	8.9	10.6	9.2
Greene	4,610	4,760	4,840	4,600	4,730	4,690	4,820	4 800	4,840	4,910	4,880	4,750	4,740	4,660	4,780
	16.7	17.1	18.3	16.5	15.8	14.7	15.3	15.7	15.8	18.3	17.0	17.4	20.8	20.2	21.9
Hale	5,310	5,480	5,280	5,290	5,480	5,530	5,490	5,630	5,480	5,580	5,590	5,490	5,480	5,290	5,320
	16.6	17.1	17.6	16.3	16.0	14.6	16.5	20.6	17.3	16.7	14.8	16.3	18.3	16.9	16.7
Henry	7,260	7,290	6,940	6,920	7,290	7,590	7,400	7,250	7,320	7,580	7,750	7,480	7,150	7,090	7,160
	11.2	9.4	9.3	8.0	8.1	8.3	9.0	10.4	9.7	9.6	9.0	10.3	10.2	13.4	13.2
Houston	40,070	36,540	35,360	35,890	36,480	37,040	37,110	36,930	36,460	36,860	37,340	37,050	36,620	36,730	36,900
	10.8	9.0	8.7	8.9	8.4	8.9	9.1	10.5	8.5	8.5	8.8	9.1	8.8	9.1	9.1
Jackson	20,800	19,790	19,790	19,630	20,060	19,920	19,700	20,260	19,550	19,420	19,710	19,840	19,840	19,240	19,350
	22.0	16.8	19.7	17.8	15.5	14.3	15.5	21.3	15.4	14.0	14.1	14.7	19.3	14.8	15.2
Jefferson	310,270	303,510	297,930	301,260	304,620	305,490	309,490	308,440	305,990	304,420	305,220	300,770	301,180	300,140	301,670
	12.8	9.8	10.2	10.5	10.0	9.7	10.1	10.1	9.8	9.5	9.5	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.6
Lamar	8,820	9,340	9,030	9,170	9,320	9,410	9,550	9,490	9,320	9,410	9,480	9,530	9,460	9,520	9,620
	9.8	7.3	7.2	6.8	6.5	7.1	8.5	8.8	7.4	7.0	6.5	7.2	7.1	8.0	8.7
Lauderdale	34,810	35,600	35,110	35,360	35,530	35,540	36,270	36,170	36,140	35,930	35,880	35,660	35,060	35,300	34,980
	16.9	14.8	16.9	16.0	14.6	13.9	14.4	15.5	14.4	13.9	14.2	14.0	13.8	15.1	13.8
Lawrence	14,490	13,450	13,450	13,390	13,670	13,810	13,600	13,510	13,400	13,390	13,470	13,330	13,010	13,230	13,220
	18.7	15.1	17.0	15.7	15.8	15.6	14.6	15.2	13.7	13.5	13.0	14.6	14.8	15.3	15.3
Lee	36,140	38,470	37,950	37,890	38,470	39,050	39 530	38,290	36,310	37,820	38,820	39,080	38,850	39,030	39,190
	8.4	6.5	6.3	5.8	6.2	6.1	7.6	7.4	7.3	6.9	6.8	6.1	5.7	6.5	6.4
Limestone	23,940	20,230	19,610	19,540	20,140	20,400	20,170	20,060	20,130	20,650	21,100	20,830	20,740	20,810	21,160
	11.0	10.8	12.2	11.7	11.1	10.3	10.7	11.4	11.0	10.0	9.6	9.2	10.4	10.8	11.4
Lowndes	5,320	5,090	4,990	4,970	5,070	5,150	5,160	5,110	5,150	5,180	5,150	5,190	5,070	4,890	4,920
	17.6	18.3	17.0	16.8	20.1	18.4	19.3	20.4	19.9	18.9	17.1	16.4	16.7	16.9	17.5
Macon	8,000	8,150	7,900	7,810	7,960	8,040	8,390	8,360	8,310	8,070	8,540	8,300	8,210	8,220	8,340
	13.5	11.1	10.4	9.7	10.0	9.6	13.9	13.8	13.6	11.6	10.6	9.5	9.4	10.3	10.2
Madison	100,410	117,780	112,750	114,780	115,640	117,260	119,290	118,900	119,890	119,640	121,170	120,430	120,830	122,530	121,450
	9.2	7.1	7.6	8.0	7.1	6.8	7.2	7.3	6.6	6.3	6.8	6.3	6.7	7.9	6.6
Marengo	9,920	9,720	9,310	9,470	9,470	9,670	9,800	10,000	9,760	10,250	9,960	9,720	9,930	9,530	9,520
	15.4	14.2	12.8	13.5	12.2	12.0	13.3	15.7	[illegible]	20.0	13.9	12.3	18.8	13.3	14.4
Marion	13,760	13,580	13,310	13,340	13,520	13,630	13,770	13,810	13,680	13,530	13,710	13,620	13,750	14,000	13,610
	19.4	14.9	15.8	15.3	13.5	12.0	11.5	13.4	14.7	14.0	15.4	16.5	19.6	21.6	17.9
Marshall	34,920	33,050	32,330	32,630	33,010	33,400	33,460	33,720	33,060	33,120	33,390	32,900	33,560	33,140	32,930
	13.0	12.6	13.6	12.6	11.5	10.7	11.5	16.1	11.3	10.8	10.7	10.8	17.9	14.3	12.3
Mobile	163,820	164,730	160,530	161,840	164,630	165,770	168,260	167,720	167,210	164,480	166,680	165,400	164,050	164,810	164,440
	15.9	12.6	13.7	13.5	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.7	11.8	11.9	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.0

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984											1985	
	1983	1984	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	10,770	11,140	10,810	10,760	10,940	10,830	11,010	10,900	10,950	12,520	11,050	11,170	11,940	10,790	10,730
	12.6	16.2	13.4	12.4	12.1	10.2	12.7	12.5	11.9	32.7	13.2	14.4	31.2	13.9	12.8
Montgomery	92,650	96,610	94,230	94,760	96,410	97,250	98,700	97,650	97,560	97,000	98,200	97,130	96,920	97,010	95,860
	10.6	8.8	9.4	8.8	8.5	8.3	9.4	9.3	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.3	7.7
Morgan	37,990	38,870	37,860	38,240	39,280	39,640	40,140	39,680	39,200	39,070	38,880	38,390	38,300	38,560	38,550
	14.5	11.5	12.1	12.5	11.6	11.2	11.7	11.9	11.0	11.2	10.9	10.8	10.6	11.7	11.1
Perry	5,860	5,820	5,410	5,500	5,680	5,770	5,920	5,890	5,970	5,990	6,030	6,130	6,010	5,900	5,780
	14.8	13.3	14.1	11.5	10.4	10.0	10.9	12.1	11.8	10.8	10.0	16.4	21.2	18.8	11.9
Pickens	7,630	7,080	7,110	6,980	7,040	7,200	7,270	7,170	7,140	7,030	7,070	7,000	6,900	6,960	7,110
	17.7	15.9	16.1	15.4	15.3	17.3	16.2	16.3	15.9	13.8	13.8	16.7	16.8	17.0	18.4
Pike	13,770	13,560	13,240	13,470	13,550	13,690	13,670	13,440	13,680	13,470	14,570	13,800	13,060	13,770	13,820
	13.7	10.1	10.9	11.6	9.5	9.0	10.1	10.4	10.2	10.3	8.7	8.7	10.7	8.7	8.2
Randolph	9,170	8,790	8,880	8,590	8,610	8,740	8,780	9,160	8,770	8,720	8,930	8,790	8,590	8,680	8,830
	17.8	14.9	14.7	15.3	13.2	13.3	14.4	22.2	17.0	15.7	14.1	12.0	10.7	11.6	18.1
Russell	18,320	19,290	18,610	18,540	18,830	19,090	20,460	19,650	19,310	19,040	19,190	20,070	19,480	19,950	19,160
	13.7	12.9	13.0	11.2	11.3	11.8	17.1	13.4	10.9	10.8	11.1	14.7	12.3	14.7	12.4
St. Clair	19,350	19,400	19,280	18,930	19,290	19,260	19,490	19,350	19,370	19,750	19,460	19,670	19,910	20,100	20,030
	14.2	11.5	12.9	10.7	10.8	10.1	10.4	10.1	10.6	12.4	10.9	12.5	13.4	14.3	13.6
Shelby	30,510	31,910	31,400	31,150	31,780	32,170	32,780	32,640	32,170	31,760	31,990	31,940	31,650	31,640	31,830
	12.4	10.3	10.9	9.5	9.7	10.3	11.2	11.2	10.3	9.3	9.7	10.2	9.2	9.3	9.4
Sumter	6,990	7,250	6,990	7,180	7,560	7,360	7,470	7,220	7,070	7,270	7,470	7,180	7,220	7,160	7,080
	14.3	11.5	9.9	11.0	12.3	9.9	12.8	13.3	12.7	10.7	10.1	11.5	13.5	13.5	12.7
Talladega	32,030	31,150	30,300	30,690	31,050	31,150	31,970	31,250	31,530	32,230	30,750	31,360	31,140	31,230	31,500
	17.1	15.8	13.9	14.5	14.7	14.3	16.1	15.5	16.7	20.8	14.3	16.9	16.9	18.3	18.8
Tallapoosa	16,580	17,300	16,910	17,070	17,350	17,370	17,850	17,780	17,810	17,290	17,290	17,160	17,010	17,120	17,050
	12.2	9.4	9.5	9.4	8.7	8.4	9.6	10.0	10.4	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.6	11.4	10.6
Tuscaloosa	56,520	58,150	56,900	57,710	58,580	59,210	58,230	57,550	58,040	58,450	58,940	58,770	58,670	57,840	59,050
	12.5	9.6	9.9	10.1	9.1	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	8.7	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1
Walker	32,980	32,560	32,540	32,630	32,170	32,380	32,440	32,410	32,240	32,110	32,340	33,040	33,830	33,630	33,390
	16.1	13.3	15.2	14.8	12.1	12.2	11.6	11.8	11.8	11.5	12.0	14.4	16.3	15.9	14.9
Washington	6,380	6,490	6,320	6,510	6,450	6,680	6,460	6,620	6,410	6,730	6,670	6,450	6,380	6,280	6,160
	20.0	18.1	16.3	16.6	15.6	18.7	17.6	21.5	18.2	20.8	18.8	16.9	19.4	17.8	15.9
Wilcox	5,860	5,480	5,370	5,260	5,420	5,580	5,800	5,680	5,620	5,530	5,540	5,370	5,190	5,070	5,470
	20.3	15.3	16.2	15.9	15.3	15.7	15.9	16.7	15.3	14.7	14.2	13.5	13.3	12.4	22.0
Winston	9,150	9,260	9,400	9,160	9,200	9,410	9,290	9,080	9,060	9,060	9,460	9,370	9,530	9,420	9,340
	18.6	19.6	24.0	19.0	17.5	18.6	16.5	17.4	17.5	17.1	20.5	21.1	24.4	25.6	23.4
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	643,182	726,362	40,064	53,684	72,261	83,186	44,217	90,034	54,364	68,859	64,093	41,830	62,625	64,445	72,680
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	6,286	9,484	508	232	718	905	769	988	1,019	1,032	971	477	1,282	1,044	1,029
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	788,611	622,949	39,449	46,631	32,516	60,111	47,488	31,808	44,217	42,139	62,763	80,528	65,538	59,759	38,630
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	9,496	21,911	1,283	1,667	2,096	1,930	1,915	1,292	2,293	1,719	2,353	1,892	1,739	2,201	2,398
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[8] *(1,000 tons)*	34,916	38,790	2,522	3,015	3,110	3,266	3,413	3,307	3,549	3,362	3,445	3,524	3,262	3,151	3,083
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,017	24,285	2,093	1,793	1,604	1,607	1,968	2,445	2,384	2,339	1,861	1,785	1,911	2,108	2,400
Gasoline sales[9] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,861,406	1,905,267	141,858	162,105	162,606	162,470	161,968	163,798	168,845	150,779	163,960	157,127	158,793	156,773	133,925
New passenger car registrations[10] *(number)*	122,393	141,896	11,116	11,051	11,616	13,890	12,646	12,806	12,579	10,981	11,452	11,547	11,757	10,748	10,403
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[11] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	....	3,647	281	305	305	301	303	311	309	310	304	303	327	306	288
General stores with food and gas	....	174	12	14	15	15	16	15	15	15	15	14	15	13	12
General merchandise	....	2,382	144	176	191	191	196	176	190	181	185	238	355	161	149
Apparel	....	568	34	46	52	45	47	41	48	45	46	52	76	38	34
Furniture, furnishings, etc	....	544	40	44	43	44	45	47	46	43	46	49	56	43	37
Automotive	....	3,085	234	275	259	281	298	269	281	243	258	244	240	231	235
Gasoline service stations	....	296	22	25	25	26	26	26	26	24	26	23	24	24	22
Lumber and building materials	....	890	61	73	77	81	82	79	80	79	81	76	66	58	52
Hardware and farm implements	....	427	29	37	39	40	40	38	38	37	37	35	31	29	28
Eating places	....	1,290	97	112	102	104	106	112	117	110	109	107	118	97	92
Drug stores	....	263	21	21	21	24	25	19	21	20	20	21	29	26	22
All other retail	....	2,159	156	173	175	176	181	169	185	179	181	189	242	173	149
Total sales by retail concerns	....	5,724	1,130	1,303	1,304	1,329	1,355	1,301	1,356	1,288	1,307	1,353	1,581	1,197	1,121
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	....	2,619	188	213	214	228	228	219	228	231	226	214	240	178	176
Total all sales at retail	....	8,342	1,317	1,516	1,517	1,558	1,582	1,520	1,585	1,518	1,534	1,567	1,821	1,375	1,297
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[11] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	....	507,555	36,378	42,586	42,254	43,099	43,687	41,933	42,706	41,645	43,305	43,860	49,878	37,194	34,834
Birmingham	....	5,033,060	363,629	421,290	417,097	429,630	434,013	415,983	441,446	425,900	419,118	424,494	489,480	382,412	369,592
Dothan	....	644,945	47,680	53,484	52,862	56,011	57,229	53,804	54,947	50,933	54,537	54,259	65,398	47,246	46,043
Florence	....	611,318	43,478	50,268	51,028	51,571	52,273	51,042	52,213	49,294	51,841	52,510	63,578	43,554	39,054
Gadsden	....	459,329	32,352	37,607	38,361	38,951	39,527	41,831	41,115	37,098	38,474	37,070	44,390	33,012	30,588
Huntsville	....	1,049,153	77,026	85,508	85,698	88,103	89,286	86,598	89,902	84,843	87,088	92,257	108,499	78,179	75,068
Mobile	....	2,100,409	150,675	173,142	177,426	179,624	185,901	179,437	184,127	170,603	173,503	174,878	201,900	156,382	145,400
Montgomery	....	1,429,269	102,858	116,574	117,041	122,705	124,747	119,638	122,065	117,364	116,410	124,709	145,775	107,455	105,009
Tuscaloosa	....	631,155	45,373	51,256	[illegible]	52,063	53,322	51,062	55,374	53,489	53,170	53,013	64,711	45,319	45,987
Counties															
Autauga	....	96,596	6,981	7,967	8,238	8,135	8,431	8,420	8,216	8,064	7,953	8,237	9,204	7,429	7,797
Baldwin	....	341,387	24,510	28,073	28,689	30,045	30,896	31,162	31,427	28,072	28,086	27,750	30,375	24,499	23,434
Barbour	....	71,523	4,784	5,878	5,893	6,202	6,334	6,188	6,656	5,584	6,073	6,151	6,824	5,539	5,867
Bibb	....	41,386	2,970	3,282	3,314	3,674	3,711	3,266	3,621	3,269	3,500	3,782	4,200	2,976	2,961
Blount	....	88,978	6,129	6,974	7,144	7,750	7,927	7,471	8,243	7,349	7,950	7,427	8,558	6,892	6,735
Bullock	....	25,480	2,142	2,143	2,123	1,977	2,001	2,014	2,106	2,178	1,846	2,119	2,724	2,064	1,989
Butler	....	65,529	4,604	5,453	5,554	5,364	5,473	5,667	5,679	5,723	5,140	5,508	5,843	5,043	4,505
Calhoun	....	507,555	36,378	42,586	42,254	43,099	43,687	41,933	42,706	41,645	43,305	43,860	49,878	37,194	34,834
Chambers	....	106,996	7,893	9,214	9,079	9,382	8,917	8,913	8,922	8,447	9,082	9,187	9,885	8,208	7,340
Cherokee	....	47,879	3,634	3,913	4,128	4,340	4,432	3,861	4,172	3,756	4,012	3,789	4,396	3,736	3,404
Chilton	....	99,768	7,004	8,129	8,266	8,494	8,634	8,029	8,510	8,074	8,747	8,797	10,137	7,478	7,738
Choctaw	....	36,586	2,759	3,203	3,039	2,922	3,007	3,097	3,197	2,821	2,913	3,086	3,547	3,056	2,478
Clarke	....	98,562	7,229	8,282	8,615	7,937	8,061	7,671	8,821	8,256	8,654	8,783	10,021	7,832	7,673
Clay	....	26,377	1,877	2,294	2,220	2,239	2,285	2,169	2,262	2,189	2,171	2,231	2,556	1,996	1,809
Cleburne	....	22,175	1,611	1,937	1,951	1,986	2,000	2,033	1,897	1,756	1,868	1,710	1,680	1,577	1,317
Coffee	....	185,530	14,295	16,957	16,213	16,490	16,275	14,951	15,276	14,579	14,317	14,959	17,749	13,647	12,740

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Type of Activity	Annual		1984											1985	
	1983	1984	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	....	249,722	18,128	20,910	21,051	21,733	22,029	21,513	21,620	20,073	20,906	20,438	23,757	17,308	16,809
Conecuh	....	37,485	2,723	3,441	3,132	3,069	3,034	2,968	2,862	4,323	2,822	2,973	3,633	2,686	2,631
Coosa	....	8,920	528	723	714	700	671	760	825	813	842	828	897	781	743
Covington	....	136,907	10,588	12,109	11,558	11,618	11,836	11,258	12,007	11,060	11,336	10,903	13,054	9,712	9,417
Crenshaw	....	30,671	2,302	2,509	2,537	2,532	2,581	2,452	2,338	2,176	2,661	3,068	3,138	2,521	2,477
Cullman	....	237,528	16,817	19,756	20,046	20,196	20,945	20,006	19,894	19,142	21,048	20,352	23,400	16,767	15,467
Dale	....	104,707	7,619	8,766	8,492	8,857	8,984	8,944	8,834	8,908	8,759	9,020	10,489	7,355	7,431
Dallas	....	198,885	14,086	16,688	16,519	17,220	17,386	16,274	16,458	16,181	17,106	17,208	19,540	15,273	14,197
DeKalb	....	179,757	13,024	13,828	14,710	15,557	15,868	14,959	15,492	14,942	15,251	15,805	16,971	12,283	11,220
Elmore	....	101,943	7,516	8,428	8,221	8,865	9,047	8,624	9,008	8,778	8,138	8,334	9,785	7,583	7,566
Escambia	....	141,680	10,622	12,089	12,450	11,746	11,940	11,383	11,532	11,247	12,245	11,877	14,689	10,505	9,985
Etowah	....	459,329	32,362	37,607	38,361	38,951	39,527	41,831	41,115	37,098	38,474	37,070	44,390	33,012	30,588
Fayette	....	64,900	4,969	5,816	5,400	5,683	5,755	4,967	5,280	5,730	5,116	5,075	6,381	4,365	4,554
Franklin	....	99,480	7,347	8,516	8,423	8,434	8,631	8,147	8,527	8,174	8,022	8,770	9,773	7,789	7,055
Geneva	....	144,756	11,558	11,995	12,075	12,455	12,502	11,657	11,908	11,847	11,655	12,625	13,638	11,280	11,181
Greene	....	18,279	1,281	1,564	1,492	1,614	1,639	2,062	1,611	1,388	1,489	1,393	1,476	1,199	1,053
Hale	....	31,282	2,395	2,767	2,573	2,805	2,854	2,528	2,783	2,601	2,520	2,507	2,710	2,477	2,101
Henry	....	35,706	2,465	3,030	3,011	2,956	3,011	2,953	2,999	3,276	2,790	3,220	3,672	3,299	2,808
Houston	....	540,238	40,061	44,718	44,370	47,154	48,245	44,860	46,113	42,025	45,778	45,239	54,909	39,891	38,612
Jackson	....	136,358	9,452	10,927	10,913	11,322	11,636	11,259	12,662	11,330	12,064	12,042	13,490	10,066	9,257
Jefferson	....	4,278,242	310,000	360,080	355,200	363,015	366,637	351,927	374,451	363,331	355,103	360,801	419,356	322,637	315,627
Lamar	....	37,885	2,901	3,797	3,127	3,428	3,472	3,128	3,078	2,963	2,951	3,152	3,197	2,782	2,395
Lauderdale	....	361,596	25,350	29,358	29,977	29,838	30,244	29,529	30,593	29,221	30,935	32,072	39,821	26,246	22,245
Lawrence	....	51,733	3,475	4,135	4,216	4,585	4,677	4,108	4,442	4,234	4,404	4,546	5,264	3,820	3,691
Lee	....	346,150	24,526	28,202	28,153	29,222	29,605	28,061	29,065	29,665	29,330	30,512	34,862	25,026	24,196
Limestone	....	161,392	11,418	13,548	13,572	14,093	14,358	13,124	13,888	13,411	13,102	13,934	15,776	12,078	11,669
Lowndes	....	16,814	1,215	1,339	1,380	1,462	1,480	1,336	1,366	1,369	1,431	1,398	1,758	1,417	1,537
Macon	....	45,050	3,179	3,481	3,654	3,760	3,838	3,770	4,291	3,996	3,654	3,623	3,953	3,598	2,831
Madison	....	1,049,153	77,028	85,508	85,698	88,103	89,286	86,598	89,902	84,843	87,088	92,257	108,499	78,179	75,068
Marengo	....	69,292	5,112	5,668	5,439	5,510	5,634	5,465	5,847	5,486	5,901	6,433	7,194	5,791	5,260
Marion	....	95,292	7,017	8,213	7,474	7,926	8,139	7,811	7,993	7,848	7,633	8,326	10,052	7,723	6,492
Marshall	....	339,251	23,969	27,935	28,111	29,288	29,820	28,261	29,634	28,249	28,397	29,511	33,322	24,921	24,205
Mobile	....	1,759,022	126,165	145,069	148,737	149,579	155,005	148,275	152,700	142,531	145,417	147,128	171,525	131,883	121,966
Monroe	....	102,585	6,518	8,373	7,656	7,711	7,937	7,721	9,954	9,182	8,969	11,484	10,913	6,070	5,891
Montgomery	....	1,230,730	88,361	100,179	100,582	105,705	107,269	102,594	104,841	100,522	100,319	108,138	126,786	92,443	89,646
Morgan	....	452,675	31,383	36,643	37,601	38,520	39,123	36,426	38,736	38,007	38,334	40,485	47,026	32,528	31,272
Perry	....	25,163	1,870	2,145	2,028	2,148	2,171	2,096	2,313	2,378	2,165	1,998	2,163	1,753	1,703
Pickens	....	41,288	2,925	3,487	3,625	3,638	3,690	3,447	3,564	3,319	3,586	3,298	3,745	2,788	2,841
Pike	....	90,409	6,699	7,674	7,344	7,577	7,498	7,147	7,892	7,630	8,008	7,742	8,756	7,418	6,284
Randolph	....	57,879	4,642	4,900	4,443	4,788	4,861	4,674	4,446	4,674	4,793	5,183	5,335	5,483	4,304
Russell	....	121,315	8,983	10,008	9,962	10,377	10,404	10,384	10,772	10,004	10,335	10,108	11,798	8,963	8,515
St. Clair	....	120,938	9,182	10,380	9,984	10,753	10,936	10,100	10,278	10,194	10,527	9,511	10,776	8,983	8,554
Shelby	....	253,285	17,886	21,009	20,782	22,707	22,932	21,957	23,310	20,977	21,059	20,983	21,835	20,917	17,453
Sumter	....	30,853	2,163	2,867	2,444	2,410	2,508	2,530	2,556	2,432	2,604	2,890	3,107	2,459	2,160
Talladega	....	239,971	17,186	19,187	20,357	22,808	21,292	20,634	19,730	18,616	19,184	20,080	23,618	18,020	17,138
Tallapoosa	....	127,201	9,644	10,653	11,075	11,406	11,589	10,720	10,378	9,840	10,119	10,523	11,786	9,435	8,464
Tuscaloosa	....	631,155	45,373	51,856	50,659	52,063	53,322	51,062	55,374	53,489	53,170	53,013	64,711	45,319	45,987
Walker	....	291,617	20,432	22,847	23,987	25,405	25,581	24,528	25,164	24,049	24,479	25,772	28,955	22,983	21,223
Washington	....	21,447	1,619	1,720	1,825	1,931	1,971	1,695	2,022	1,791	1,896	1,630	1,771	1,470	1,541
Wilcox	....	27,981	2,092	2,419	2,249	2,406	2,468	2,356	2,313	2,227	2,290	2,189	2,587	2,080	2,251
Winston	....	71,203	5,188	6,015	6,159	6,434	6,439	5,736	6,070	5,981	5,645	5,922	6,642	5,502	4,534
Statewide[11]	....	972,958	63,303	74,534	77,098	75,460	77,971	76,395	82,124	83,060	86,032	86,022	106,917	78,940	62,064
BUILDING PERMITS[12]															
Alabama															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	1,079,085	1,258,032	75,497	99,328	193,079	97,366	115,116	99,776	147,117	80,497	84,514	95,153	105,139	60,081	65,750
Residential	449,881	438,383	38,376	39,447	46,811	38,102	43,568	36,909	42,389	33,332	36,966	36,682	20,874	25,969	28,712
Nonresidential	366,127	586,743	21,524	32,351	130,709	42,724	53,582	44,597	79,263	27,171	29,249	36,821	66,040	21,592	28,887
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	8,848	8,869	644	790	788	915	842	833	749	694	737	669	613	659	627
Residential	3,593	3,530	255	317	317	408	324	322	317	248	256	255	263	258	272
Nonresidential	932	1,213	93	126	113	117	139	104	92	90	95	93	76	111	73
Birmingham															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	213,343	104,141	4,413	8,945	7,619	5,562	8,258	8,169	14,214	10,005	5,797	12,365	13,105	5,535	11,188
Residential	31,921	15,598	1,574	2,100	2,551	814	1,299	763	1,285	1,271	1,076	963	802	773	1,241
Nonresidential	108,370	25,706	530	1,071	90	768	2,963	2,369	1,967	3,606	4,675	1,568	5,114	2,057	2,717
Decatur															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	14,095	18,028	1,111	1,075	1,106	1,520	1,342	1,909	2,170	1,767	1,920	1,720	1,476	1,444	1,133
Residential	7,340	11,596	845	739	739	1,096	925	1,080	1,357	1,053	1,142	1,052	897	814	570
Nonresidential	2,156	2,744	81	115	139	172	171	355	429	318	347	294	249	283	226
Dothan															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	18,943	17,520	1,064	1,568	1,353	1,326	1,514	901	1,599	1,344	1,857	2,461	1,458	967	886
Residential	7,760	6,718	631	685	695	448	759	182	226	370	670	1,405	203	324	432
Nonresidential	6,339	5,478	100	452	518	238	257	125	641	666	860	680	483	58	118
Gadsden															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	13,596	9,310	530	214	565	1,351	865	166	260	886	2,546	1,057	215	123	288
Residential	2,006	2,129	57	92	347	976	219	26	74	46	53	128	......	56	103
Nonresidential	3,912	5,826	452	102	163	122	493	101	143	813	2,331	894	188	40	141
Huntsville															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	122,759	147,927	16,817	12,836	8,111	13,997	13,853	14,007	14,163	6,626	8,187	13,808	19,407	6,178	6,268
Residential	51,350	55,064	7,732	4,874	4,843	3,753	6,032	3,331	6,078	2,825	2,982	8,817	1,593	2,863	1,440
Nonresidential	45,128	73,370	5,358	7,169	2,413	8,366	5,970	9,394	6,045	3,339	3,835	3,266	15,945	2,668	2,755
Mobile															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	109,508	254,605	5,366	17,080	116,254	6,250	36,928	6,707	4,020	6,484	10,322	10,320	31,156	7,730	4,770
Residential	38,261	26,314	1,470	1,424	2,639	2,009	6,935	3,208	1,071	1,201	2,636	1,673	1,065	1,478	1,738
Nonresidential	49,663	197,690	2,488	4,160	112,221	3,331	28,665	2,127	1,153	3,886	2,288	7,264	28,688	5,120	2,165

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984											1985	
	1983	1984	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	76,984	94,862	5,100	6,477	6,330	6,994	7,007	8,192	8,070	7,254	8,188	11,037	6,049	6,554	6,027
Residential	32,619	35,697	2,131	2,462	2,509	2,493	2,528	3,504	3,361	2,991	3,262	5,463	2,557	2,140	3,036
Nonresidential	28,264	46,198	1,882	2,727	2,496	3,043	3,059	3,719	3,896	3,407	4,000	5,193	2,843	3,750	2,321
Quad-Cities[13]															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	12,978	39,267	1,410	4,666	2,443	4,910	1,260	2,227	1,799	2,246	1,917	800	12,947	691	532
Residential	6,391	7,172	754	1,296	700	792	323	633	721	533	430	381	126	351	177
Nonresidential	3,506	23,675	585	3,031	1,079	3,887	614	1,265	160	196	323	178	12,150	48	51
Selma															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	4,197	7,002	213	219	1,019	356	158	994	184	819	593	309	312	36	109
Residential	357	643	......	24	87	82	117	148	75	......	76	35	......	36	109
Nonresidential	798	1,908	133	36	717	35	......	7	......	617	4	188	167	......	....
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	30,159	34,459	2,647	3,328	1,804	4,323	4,183	1,719	2,805	2,463	2,228	3,713	3,739	1,420	7,960
Residential	14,849	15,717	1,163	2,097	988	2,153	1,284	737	1,634	1,356	789	1,268	1,218	693	4,328
Nonresidential	6,227	10,707	929	573	277	1,529	1,901	615	360	552	1,145	664	2,029	100	2,933

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. [1] Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[2] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[4] End-of-month balance.

[5] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[6] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[7] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[8] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[9] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[11] Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

[12] Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

[13] Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

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Alabama's Veterans: A Comparison by Sex

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tion of those not in the labor force are reflective of the labor force situation for the general population. In 1980, there were 334,000 Alabama veterans in the labor force—78.9 percent of the state's 413,300 male veterans and 49.7 percent of the state's 15,500 female veterans. Only 2.3 percent of the state's veterans in the labor force were women. Of those in the labor force, 89.6 percent of the female veterans and 95.3 percent of the male veterans were employed. Hence, 10.4 percent of Alabama's female veterans and only 4.7 percent of the state's male veterans in the labor force were unemployed. Labor force participation by Alabama's veteran population was quite similar to labor force participation by the state's general population. In 1980, 70.0 percent of males 16 years old and over were in the labor force compared to 45.1 percent of the females of similar age. Within the labor force, 93.3 percent of the males were employed compared to 91.4 percent of the females. The majority of veterans in Alabama, both males (76.4 percent) and females (52.3 percent), who were employed in 1979 worked between fifty and fifty-two weeks. Only 23.6 percent of employed male veterans worked less than fifty weeks in 1979, while 47.7 percent of the employed female veterans worked less than fifty weeks.

For female veterans as well as females as a whole, a significantly larger proportion did not participate in the labor force than did their male counterparts. In 1980, 50.3 percent of the female veterans in Alabama were not in the labor force, while 21.0 percent of the male veterans in the state were not in the labor force. Similarly, 54.6 percent of females 16 years old and over were not in the labor force compared to 28.2 percent of males in the same age group. Only 1.3 percent of the female veterans not in the labor force were in institutions, compared to 4.0 percent for male veterans. More of the female veterans not in the labor force were in school, 9.0 percent compared to 4.2 percent for male veterans. With respect to Alabama's general population, 4.4 percent of males and 1.9 percent of females 16 years old and over who were not in the labor force were inmates of institutions.

Labor force participation by United States service veterans as a whole is analogous to labor force participation by Alabama's veterans. In 1980, 79.8 percent of veterans in the United States, male and female, were in the labor force. Of the 22.8 million veterans in the labor force, only 2.6 percent were women. Slightly more than half (594,400) of the 1.1 million female veterans were in the labor force. The proportion of male veterans in the labor force was 80.9 percent, a share significantly larger than that for women.

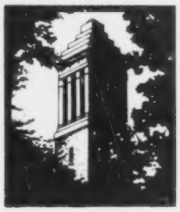
Income

With respect to income, both in Alabama and the United States, females in general as well as female veterans in particular earned less than their male counterparts. In Alabama in 1979, 82.5 percent of all females with an income earned between $1,000 and $10,000; 16.4 percent earned between $10,000 and $25,000; and 1.0 percent earned $25,000 or more. The income of Alabama's male population was much higher. Approximately 49.0 percent of all males with an income earned between $1,000 and $10,000; 39.6 percent earned between $10,000 and $25,000; and 11.0 percent earned $25,000 or more.

During the same year, 69.0 percent of female veterans in Alabama earned less than $10,000; 26.2 percent earned between $10,000 and $25,000; and 4.8 percent earned $25,000 or more. Alabama's male veterans earned significantly more. The percentage of male veterans that earned less than $10,000 in 1979 equalled 32.3 percent; 48.6 percent earned between $10,000 and $25,000; and 19.1 percent earned $25,000 or more.

Income levels of United States service veterans was comparable to the income levels of Alabama's veterans. In 1979, 64.3 percent of female veterans in the United States who reported income earned less than $10,000; 31.4 percent earned between $10,000 and $25,000; and only 4.3 percent earned $25,000 or more. For male veterans who reported income in 1979, the picture was much brighter. Only 25.6 percent of the male veterans earned less than $10,000; 50.9 percent earned between $10,000 and $25,000; and 23.5 percent of U.S. male veterans earned $25,000 or more. According to the Veterans Administration, the median income of female veterans in the United States reporting income in 1979 was $7,200, only 42 percent of the median income recorded for male veterans who reported income. This earnings differential was present among males and females in the general population as well, evidence that the income gap was more a function of gender than veteran status. In fact, veterans as a group reported higher median earnings than the population at large. Overall, the median income in 1979 was highest for male veterans ($17,000) followed by the median income for all males ($12,200), female veterans ($7,200), and all females ($5,300).

This article was not intended to provide an understanding of the causes of the conditions expressed but only to serve as a catalyst for performing further analytical research. Additional examination of the status of women, both veterans and otherwise in Alabama as well as the United States, may stimulate positive action toward greater equality among the sexes.



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Travel in Alabama: The Economic Impact

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An approximation of the annual total traveler volume for the state is, no doubt, the most elusive statistic for travel research. However, this measure is essential if estimates of some of the salient aspects of the overall economic impact upon the state's economy are to be made. Therefore, an estimate of the total traveler volume, leading to an estimate of the total traveler expenditure, is a significant enhancement of the usefulness of this study. (NOTE: The methodology is presented in full as an appendix in the original publication.)

The Aggregate Travel Flow

How large was Alabama's travel population in 1984? The total traveler population in Alabama was estimated to be more than 68 million. This was a total traveler population about 8.6 percent larger than in 1983. Given the average travel party sizes for all travelers, resident travelers, and non-resident travelers, this traveler population represents over 22 million travel parties of which some 9.5 million were from outside Alabama. This is an increase of 5.6 percent in out-of-state parties traveling to Alabama in 1984.

A ranking of the top ten states in terms of proportion of the total travel estimated for 1984 is presented in Table 1. As in previous years, they are mostly located in the South or regions bordering the South, with Alabama the major source of travel party trips. The continued dominance of Louisiana, Florida, and Texas as principal sources of Alabama's travelers is also seen in this ranking.

The Aggregate Travel Expenditure and Its Economic Impact

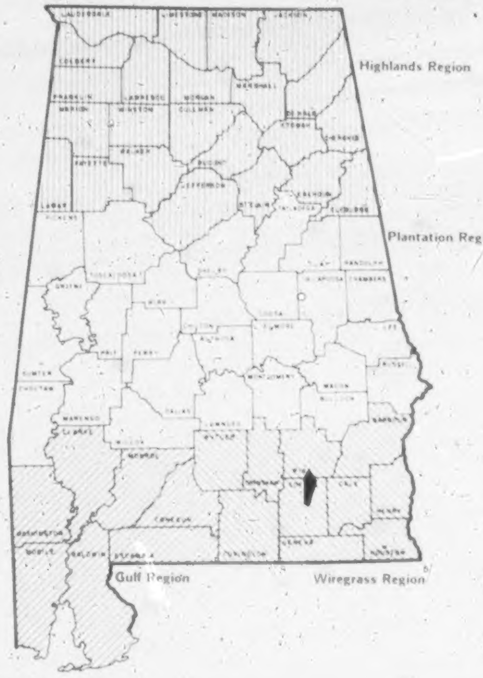
How much did travelers spend in Alabama in 1984? The 22 million party-trips by travelers in Alabama produced an estimated $3.3 billion for the Alabama economy in 1984. In per capita terms, travelers in Alabama spent over $825 for every resident in the state. Thus, travel revenues produced in 1984 increased by 14.7 percent over 1983. In addition to the nearly 12 percent increase in party trips in 1984, expenditure per party increased from $145 to $149, thus pushing the state's travel revenues up by this appreciable percentage. A generally upward trend in both traveler flow and spending has continued over the past seven years. This development offers ample indication that the travel industry has continued a viable and dynamic sector of the Alabama economy even during periods adversely affected by rising fuel costs and a poor economic climate.

Table 1
Top Ten States in Percentage of Party Trips Originated

States	Percent 1983	1984
Alabama	55.1	57.5
Florida	6.1	6.0
Louisiana	6.7	5.5
Texas	5.0	4.1
Georgia	3.0	2.9
Tennessee	2.8	2.3
Mississippi	2.2	2.1
California*	—	1.4
Ohio	1.3	1.3
Illinois	1.5	1.3

***Not among top ten states in 1983**

Figure 1
Regions for Travel Revenue Estimates



It should be recognized, however, that the effect of this travel-industry contribution to the state's income is of far greater proportions than a mere $3.3 billion of direct spending. The direct injection into a region of a spending increment from any source produces repercussions that vastly exceed the stimulus of the initial outlay. Rather, it tends to set in motion an expansionary process which exerts a multiplier effect. Spending by travelers goes into the hands of local business establishments who pay their workers and their suppliers, who in turn engage in further spending. This spending typically continues through successive cycles, ultimately resulting in a volume of expenditure several times the initial amount of direct spending, thus creating a "multiplier" effect. Multiplier values commonly fall between 2.0 and 5.0.[1]

To be more specific regarding the multiplier value applicable to a particular type of spending injected into a particular geographic area requires more comprehensive analysis and precise measurement of the area's broader economic base than a study of the travel sector alone will provide. However, given this range of applicable multiplier values, we may meaningfully conclude that the multiplier effect of over $3.3 billion of direct spending by travelers in the state of Alabama in 1984 will ultimately generate up to $16 billion of expenditure/income for the Alabama economy.

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1984										1985		
	1983	1984	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	23,071	28,068	2,518	2,211	2,327	2,377	2,056	2,590	2,418	2,517	2,238	2,201	1,916	1,931	2,288
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	126,576	137,180	10,750	11,386	11,920	9,984	10,667	11,898	11,371	11,742	12,156	13,079	12,825	11,617	12,608
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	360,820	338,597	29,964	27,531	30,038	26,733	23,408	29,670	28,420	30,981	26,510	25,200	25,162	25,680	30,114
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	18,708	19,807	1,590	1,533	1,673	1,583	1,752	1,680	1,673	1,662	1,696	1,763	1,761	1,634	1,862
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	21,020	24,250	1,919	1,983	2,005	2,104	2,039	2,146	2,135	2,097	2,063	1,971	1,912	1,960	1,892
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,166	6,514	580	571	525	561	534	559	540	571	520	496	533	509	578
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,763,700	3,030,000	243,100	175,200	570,200	231,400	210,600	383,400	202,200	230,000	235,000	168,700	215,200	243,700	234,700
Residential	1,286,500	1,226,800	125,600	104,600	116,100	114,100	105,900	163,200	96,800	84,200	90,300	51,200	87,200	83,900	106,900
Nonresidential	1,025,800	930,000	66,500	48,500	93,000	71,300	60,700	137,900	43,900	88,100	84,200	89,500	90,300	133,100	35,000
Public works and utilities	451,300	873,400	51,000	22,100	361,200	46,400	43,900	84,200	59,300	57,800	60,500	28,000	37,500	26,900	92,800
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,086	1,197	108	100	112	117	102	110	105	105	100	83	64	70	111
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	5,263	5,887	5,389	5,387	5,416	5,492	5,544	5,606	5,681	5,740	5,805	5,887	5,961	6,013	6,119
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,288,165	2,637,841	264,652	234,338	246,438	198,192	195,871	215,569	241,633	225,955	217,523	188,995	234,054	208,140	263,264
Franchise	52,214	64,476	28,642	5,879	1,275	2,504	8,422	2,315	6,357	4,799	2,537	292	743	1,415	31,254
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	199,587	207,095	15,305	17,523	17,585	17,564	17,504	17,752	18,217	16,284	17,697	16,942	17,148	16,883	14,472
Income	815,838	1,009,832	130,393	82,889	130,465	81,367	42,840	90,776	92,998	48,127	88,819	76,705	65,174	99,678	113,517
Motor fuels	45,027	50,278	3,448	3,899	4,703	3,735	3,580	5,287	3,166	4,583	5,374	4,679	3,572	4,033	3,943
Oil/gas privilege	89,645	70,183	5,475	5,164	5,571	5,438	5,605	9,662	5,294	5,319	4,829	6,159	5,629	5,747	7,786
Oil/gas production	17,290	17,331	1,442	1,384	1,480	1,437	1,478	1,322	1,409	1,413	1,287	1,649	1,504	1,537	2,173
Sales	609,132	704,299	50,142	55,808	56,985	58,145	57,514	56,957	58,767	81,495	58,477	52,785	74,362	50,419	55,423
2.2% Gross receipts	46,185	54,765	9	13,448	210	1	13,723	......	15	13,638	66	......	13,643	......	1
TVA electric	31,290	36,734	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	6,895	......	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451
Tobacco	68,915	70,022	5,418	5,734	6,072	6,211	5,980	6,516	6,380	5,990	5,939	5,313	6,299	5,573	5,567
Use	66,519	75,723	1,045	15,351	2,019	604	16,868	1,310	1,419	18,146	1,389	531	18,440	842	846
Utility	152,287	151,261	13,171	11,714	9,654	11,225	12,587	14,277	12,234	10,527	11,889	13,322	16,356	12,754	14,381
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	298.4	311.1	307.3	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	316.1	317.4	318.8
Food	291.7	302.9	302.2	302.3	301.4	302.0	303.2	304.8	304.2	304.4	304.1	305.1	307.3	309.5	309.7
Housing	323.1	336.5	331.5	333.2	334.6	336.2	338.1	339.5	341.4	341.2	340.9	341.2	342.0	343.6	344.7
Fuel and utilities	370.3	387.3	380.1	380.9	385.5	390.0	393.9	395.5	397.0	392.4	387.5	386.0	387.2	386.5	388.2
Apparel and upkeep	196.5	200.2	198.8	199.2	198.9	197.4	196.6	200.1	204.2	205.7	205.2	203.2	199.8	201.8	205.3
Transportation	298.4	311.7	306.9	309.6	312.2	313.1	312.9	312.9	313.7	315.5	316.1	315.8	314.7	314.3	316.7
Medical care	357.3	379.5	374.5	375.7	376.8	378.0	380.3	381.9	383.1	385.5	387.5	388.5	391.1	393.8	396.5
Energy	419.3	423.6	418.1	421.3	426.1	428.5	428.3	427.3	429.0	426.7	421.8	418.9	414.5	411.4	416.6
Producer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	303.1	310.3	311.0	311.3	311.5	311.3	311.9	310.7	309.3	309.4	310.3	309.8	309.8	309.2	308.7
Industrial commodities	315.7	322.6	321.9	322.6	323.2	323.8	323.9	323.3	322.2	323.4	323.8	323.0	323.2	322.5	322.6
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers *(1977 = 100)*	121.3	127.9	138.0	138.0	134.0	127.0	129.0	121.0	122.0	115.0	119.0	114.0	117.0	117.0	119.0
Purchasing power of the dollar															
U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	335	321	325	324	323	322	321	319	318	317	317	317	316	315	314
Wholesale prices	330	322	322	321	321	321	321	322	323	323	322	323	323	323	324
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,758.0	1,794.0	1,766.2	1,790.3	1,804.8	1,821.5	1,815.0	1,807.5	1,808.3	1,816.4	1,801.5	1,797.5	1,794.7	1,796.2	1,797.6
Unemployment	240.0	200.0	203.6	191.5	188.8	200.6	211.6	196.0	197.9	190.8	192.3	208.0	203.7	196.9	193.1
Unemployment rate	13.7	11.1	11.5	10.7	10.5	11.0	11.7	10.8	10.9	10.5	10.7	11.6	11.4	11.0	10.7
Employment	1,518.0	1,594.0	1,562.6	1,598.8	1,616.0	1,620.9	1,603.4	1,611.5	1,610.4	1,625.6	1,609.2	1,589.5	1,591.0	1,599.3	1,604.5
Nonagricultural	1,328.8	1,383.6	1,362.1	1,379.7	1,385.8	1,403.1	1,391.6	1,396.3	1,390.8	1,398.0	1,400.4	1,394.5	1,383.0	1,384.5	1,382.4
Manufacturing	340.9	358.5	355.9	361.4	363.1	367.2	358.8	364.6	358.3	360.5	358.8	349.0	352.1	352.6	344.2
Durable goods	159.2	173.5	170.9	173.4	174.6	177.1	175.7	176.7	176.0	175.5	175.2	173.6	172.8	173.8	173.6
Lumber and wood products	27.9	29.7	29.2	29.4	29.8	30.4	30.6	30.8	30.4	30.1	29.5	29.4	28.8	28.9	29.1
Stone, clay, glass products	8.7	8.8	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.2	8.8	8.4	9.0
Primary metals	24.8	26.4	26.4	26.6	26.9	27.0	26.5	26.9	26.5	26.2	26.6	26.3	26.4	26.2	26.1
Blast furn. and steel works	5.7	7.4	7.7	7.7	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.6
Iron and steel foundries	10.5	10.1	10.0	10.1	10.2	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.3
Fabricated metals	21.6	23.0	22.7	22.9	23.0	23.1	23.2	23.4	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.5	23.3
Machinery (excl. electrical)	15.1	17.7	17.4	17.6	17.7	18.0	18.0	17.9	18.1	17.8	18.0	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.5
Electrical, electronic equip.	21.5	23.2	22.6	22.9	23.1	23.5	23.3	23.3	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.6	22.9	23.1	22.7
Transportation	21.7	25.3	24.2	25.0	25.2	25.9	25.8	26.0	26.2	26.6	25.9	25.7	25.5	26.0	25.8
Other durable goods	17.7	19.5	19.6	20.0	19.9	20.2	19.3	19.3	19.2	19.4	19.7	19.2	18.9	19.0	19.1
Nondurable goods	181.7	184.9	185.0	188.0	188.5	190.1	183.1	187.9	182.3	185.0	183.6	175.4	179.3	178.8	170.6
Food	27.0	28.0	27.1	27.5	27.8	28.2	28.3	28.4	28.4	28.8	29.0	28.2	28.5	28.6	28.7
Textile mill products	39.1	39.3	40.6	40.8	40.7	40.2	38.5	39.8	37.7	37.8	37.5	36.9	36.6	35.9	35.3
Apparel	54.9	55.0	55.5	57.3	57.6	58.3	52.8	56.3	53.3	55.5	54.2	47.2	50.7	51.2	43.7
Paper and allied products	21.5	21.3	21.0	21.2	21.2	21.7	21.7	21.5	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.1	21.4	21.2	21.3
Printing and publishing	10.6	11.3	11.1	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.4	11.3	11.4	11.6	11.7	11.7
Chemicals and allied products	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.8
Rubber products	14.8	16.0	15.6	15.8	16.7	16.1	16.3	16.3	16.3	16.2	16.3	16.5	16.3	16.3	16.0
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.1
Nonmanufacturing	987.9	1,025.1	1,006.2	1,018.3	1,022.7	1,035.9	1,032.8	1,031.7	1,032.5	1,037.5	1,041.6	1,045.5	1,030.9	1,031.9	1,038.2
Mining and quarrying	13.7	14.4	13.9	14.2	14.3	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.2	14.6	14.7	14.7	15.0	14.9
Bituminous coal mining	10.3	9.9	9.6	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	9.6	10.0	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.5
Contract construction	59.8	64.5	61.2	62.8	64.2	66.8	67.4	67.4	67.9	66.2	65.2	66.6	63.7	62.3	65.7
Trans., comm., and utilities	69.7	72.1	71.0	71.5	72.3	73.4	72.7	73.2	72.5	72.7	72.5	72.4	71.4	71.4	72.0
Trade	273.3	290.3	279.9	285.4	287.7	291.3	292.1	295.2	296.3	296.2	299.9	303.5	292.5	289.7	290.6
Wholesale	70.1	73.6	71.8	72.8	73.1	74.3	74.8	74.8	74.7	74.7	75.0	74.9	74.1	73.6	73.9
Retail	203.1	216.7	208.1	212.6	214.6	217.0	217.3	220.4	221.6	221.5	224.9	228.6	218.4	216.1	216.7
Finance, insurance, real estate	59.9	62.6	61.5	61.9	62.2	63.0	63.5	63.4	63.2	63.2	63.5	63.8	63.8	63.9	64.3
Service and miscellaneous	218.9	227.5	225.5	228.6	228.3	229.6	228.6	228.6	228.9	229.8	228.6	228.7	228.6	230.0	230.8
Government	292.7	293.8	293.2	293.9	293.7	297.2	293.9	289.2	288.9	295.2	297.3	295.8	296.2	299.6	299.9
Federal	65.3	64.8	63.5	64.0	64.1	64.5	64.8	65.1	65.0	65.0	65.4	65.5	65.5	65.7	66.1
State and local	227.3	229.1	229.7	229.9	229.6	232.7	229.1	224.1	223.9	230.2	231.9	230.3	230.7	233.9	233.8

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984										1985		
	1983	1984	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	207,309	212,083	16,084	14,672	17,512	18,528	20,564	20,649	16,081	21,966	18,684	13,391	21,285	16,261	18,276
Nonagricultural placements	91,100	97,761	6,477	7,082	7,314	9,582	14,871	14,203	7,719	7,844	6,543	4,876	5,229	4,821	6,204
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	428,181	435,832	28,150	24,214	25,009	23,457	50,560	37,376	29,346	36,116	35,891	41,032	74,659	34,635	32,416
Payments *($1,000)*	191,868	172,593	15,566	11,949	13,048	12,192	13,536	15,564	12,258	13,716	14,253	16,158	21,274	16,520	15,977
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,590	15,670	15,410	15,650	15,740	15,790	15,620	15,640	15,780	15,800	16,070	15,920	15,919	15,880	15,910
	14.2	9.6	9.8	9.4	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.4	9.3	8.6	10.9	10.5	10.1	9.5	9.1
Baldwin	34,220	35,530	34,800	35,000	34,840	35,460	35,830	35,400	37,450	35,440	35,630	37,380	35,550	35,830	37,120
	12.1	10.9	11.5	9.7	8.6	8.9	10.0	9.3	14.8	8.9	9.7	14.7	9.9	10.1	12.8
Barbour	11,990	12,220	11,920	12,150	12,410	12,380	12,300	12,320	12,480	12,740	12,340	12,200	11,950	11,950	12,450
	13.1	10.5	9.2	9.1	9.0	9.6	10.3	9.7	10.9	12.7	10.7	12.4	13.2	12.3	16.2
Bibb	5,960	5,240	6,130	6,320	6,270	6,370	6,320	6,380	6,310	6,250	6,300	6,210	6,210	6,190	6,180
	19.5	16.6	17.8	17.2	16.1	14.5	14.5	16.7	14.3	13.0	15.6	19.9	19.9	16.6	12.9
Blount	16,860	16,760	17,740	16,710	16,610	16,710	16,990	16,450	16,520	16,640	16,690	16,990	17,070	16,620	16,570
	15.0	11.0	17.1	10.5	9.4	9.2	11.1	8.6	9.1	9.5	10.4	11.8	12.3	9.6	8.6
Bullock	4,600	4,520	4,220	4,360	4,500	4,580	4,560	4,670	4,730	4,980	4,730	4,500	4,330	4,350	4,310
	17.2	14.5	12.4	11.3	11.1	14.8	17.1	16.9	14.4	16.0	14.8	17.6	16.8	15.4	13.3
Butler	9,790	9,800	9,630	9,770	9,810	9,880	9,920	9,870	10,000	10,190	9,710	9,650	9,560	9,560	9,660
	17.4	13.8	14.1	12.7	12.7	14.0	15.1	14.4	13.1	13.4	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.9	16.1
Calhoun	46,220	47,500	46,560	47,070	47,360	47,830	48,570	48,190	47,840	48,210	48,110	48,020	47,960	48,150	47,830
	13.1	11.3	11.4	10.1	10.0	10.6	13.7	11.7	10.5	11.2	11.5	11.2	11.4	11.7	10.9
Chambers	16,750	16,500	16,560	16,880	16,940	16,890	16,870	16,570	16,380	16,200	15,930	15,960	16,050	16,340	16,240
	9.8	9.3	8.6	8.9	10.5	10.9	11.6	9.7	9.0	8.9	8.3	8.4	9.2	11.6	11.4
Cherokee	11,500	11,670	11,400	11,800	11,930	11,130	11,580	12,090	12,320	12,290	11,620	11,080	11,000	11,090	11,010
	15.2	14.0	18.6	10.7	10.9	18.7	18.1	8.7	8.3	16.1	15.6	15.8	16.7	16.6	17.1
Chilton	15,530	16,180	16,510	16,200	16,510	16,290	16,020	16,070	15,950	16,030	15,980	15,520	16,840	15,780	15,730
	13.1	11.3	10.6	10.8	10.5	11.2	11.8	11.7	10.9	11.3	13.1	12.8	14.4	13.3	12.2
Choctaw	5,510	5,790	5,620	5,750	6,000	5,790	5,810	5,730	6,050	5,850	5,820	5,930	5,780	5,870	6,060
	15.1	16.3	14.6	12.8	13.8	14.1	18.4	14.4	22.4	18.6	15.1	22.9	16.0	16.2	23.2
Clarke	10,750	10,630	10,630	10,540	10,640	10,690	10,880	10,600	10,810	10,400	10,540	10,550	10,420	10,560	10,370
	16.2	14.3	12.8	12.2	12.7	12.9	15.0	13.1	19.8	12.9	14.0	18.7	11.9	12.8	16.5
Clay	7,360	7,580	7,450	7,590	7,760	7,600	7,560	7,740	7,740	7,670	7,610	7,580	7,530	7,360	7,600
	14.0	10.9	10.7	10.1	10.8	11.7	12.0	11.7	10.5	8.6	9.7	12.8	10.0	10.8	13.9
Cleburne	5,160	5,250	5,240	5,180	5,220	5,270	5,490	5,170	5,240	5,310	5,320	5,310	5,340	5,360	5,440
	12.5	10.2	10.2	8.6	8.6	10.5	14.2	10.0	8.1	8.2	11.7	12.0	11.6	12.7	15.4
Coffee	19,830	20,210	19,920	20,020	20,470	20,510	20,450	20,350	20,410	20,900	20,250	19,880	19,730	19,930	20,140
	10.9	8.4	9.1	7.7	8.2	8.2	8.7	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.3	7.7	7.8	8.2
Colbert	23,700	23,920	23,660	24,190	24,030	24,430	24,200	24,120	24,080	23,810	23,920	23,880	23,760	24,250	23,940
	18.7	16.4	17.2	17.2	16.1	16.2	16.7	15.4	15.2	14.7	15.5	16.6	16.8	18.0	16.3
Conecuh	6,970	7,210	6,960	7,060	7,290	7,160	7,170	7,080	7,680	7,420	7,350	7,650	7,280	7,290	7,580
	12.7	11.8	11.8	10.8	10.1	10.9	11.5	9.6	14.7	10.5	10.6	15.3	11.2	10.3	13.9
Coosa	5,500	5,600	5,470	5,550	5,590	5,570	5,540	5,620	5,770	5,710	5,700	5,690	5,830	5,670	5,820
	10.3	8.0	7.5	7.6	6.9	8.4	8.1	8.6	9.1	7.2	8.0	8.4	10.4	9.4	8.7
Covington	16,350	16,370	16,370	16,390	16,490	16,470	16,390	16,470	16,250	16,520	16,090	16,360	17,060	16,680	16,440
	12.2	9.9	10.7	9.7	9.0	9.2	10.6	9.4	8.0	8.9	8.6	10.8	15.1	12.6	13.3
Crenshaw	7,210	7,460	7,170	7,490	7,760	7,550	7,390	7,510	7,950	7,840	7,440	7,340	6,990	7,060	7,330
	12.1	11.0	11.3	9.5	10.3	9.8	10.3	9.5	16.0	8.0	9.1	16.7	10.3	10.3	17.0
Cullman	28,590	29,550	28,610	29,540	29,890	29,840	29,670	30,220	30,070	30,600	29,960	29,470	30,020	29,690	29,500
	14.7	11.5	12.4	10.4	9.7	10.3	11.0	12.3	9.6	10.4	12.3	13.9	15.3	13.3	11.1
Dale	22,200	22,740	22,560	22,880	23,040	23,070	22,850	22,690	22,960	23,210	22,920	22,640	22,630	22,810	23,630
	9.5	7.7	8.5	7.8	7.5	7.7	8.7	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.2	6.9	6.8	7.1	10.7
Dallas	23,290	23,130	22,440	22,970	23,110	23,490	23,430	23,660	23,510	23,690	23,250	23,140	23,160	23,160	23,050
	17.6	15.7	14.8	15.1	14.3	15.4	16.3	16.9	16.0	16.5	16.0	15.8	15.4	15.2	14.2
DeKalb	29,870	30,830	29,680	30,760	31,290	31,700	32,030	31,660	31,050	31,330	30,940	30,670	30,670	30,530	30,660
	13.8	10.8	11.1	10.2	9.9	10.5	10.9	9.5	9.7	10.2	10.8	12.4	12.6	12.3	12.0
Elmore	20,620	20,770	20,460	20,770	21,020	21,130	20,890	20,900	20,940	21,020	20,910	20,810	20,960	21,170	21,270
	12.2	7.7	8.1	7.6	7.7	7.9	7.8	7.3	7.5	7.0	7.4	7.4	7.7	8.2	9.[illegible]
Escambia	17,440	18,110	17,500	17,980	18,220	18,470	18,270	18,140	18,610	18,100	18,270	18,360	18,070	17,910	17,990
	12.5	12.1	10.9	10.6	11.1	10.6	10.8	10.1	16.9	10.3	11.8	17.0	11.0	9.5	15.1
Etowah	42,290	42,610	41,930	42,410	42,270	42,710	43,080	43,190	43,200	43,020	42,890	42,870	42,270	42,210	41,870
	17.4	13.4	13.5	13.0	11.9	12.1	13.7	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.9	14.7	14.3	14.0	13.0
Fayette	10,100	10,440	10,340	10,460	10,550	10,460	10,390	10,570	10,580	10,570	10,610	10,440	10,510	10,500	10,620
	11.7	9.5	9.1	8.6	8.2	8.7	9.8	10.1	8.9	10.3	10.5	12.2	14.6	13.7	17.4
Franklin	14,110	14,830	14,990	14,950	15,090	15,200	15,340	14,930	14,520	14,610	14,550	14,560	14,420	14,580	14,280
	18.2	18.6	20.9	17.5	17.1	15.6	20.8	17.3	16.2	15.7	17.9	18.9	20.5	20.2	15.3
Geneva	11,360	11,740	11,270	11,620	11,940	12,220	12,060	11,740	11,920	12,370	11,900	11,560	11,620	11,660	12,260
	10.4	8.2	8.4	8.1	7.6	7.5	9.4	7.2	6.8	8.3	8.3	8.9	10.6	9.2	22.5
Greene	4,650	4,760	4,600	4,730	4,690	4,820	4,800	4,840	4,910	4,880	4,750	4,740	4,660	4,780	4,780
	10.6	17.1	16.5	15.8	14.7	15.3	15.7	15.8	18.3	17.0	17.4	20.8	20.2	21.9	21.6
Hale	5,340	5,480	5,290	5,480	5,530	5,490	5,630	5,480	5,580	5,590	5,490	5,480	5,290	5,320	5,340
	16.5	17.1	16.3	16.0	14.6	16.5	20.6	17.3	16.7	14.8	16.3	18.3	16.9	16.7	15.7
Henry	7,240	7,290	6,920	7,290	7,590	7,400	7,250	7,320	7,580	7,750	7,480	7,350	7,090	7,160	7,390
	11.2	9.4	8.0	8.1	8.3	9.0	10.4	9.7	9.6	9.0	10.3	10.2	13.4	13.2	14.3
Houston	35,860	36,540	35,890	36,480	37,040	37,110	36,930	36,460	36,860	37,340	37,050	36,620	36,730	36,900	36,940
	11.3	9.0	8.9	8.4	8.9	9.1	10.5	8.5	8.5	8.8	9.1	8.8	9.1	9.1	9.5
Jackson	20,680	19,790	19,630	20,060	19,920	19,700	20,260	19,550	19,420	19,710	19,840	19,840	19,240	19,350	19,520
	22.1	16.8	17.8	15.5	14.3	15.5	21.3	15.4	14.0	14.1	14.7	19.3	14.8	15.2	15.1
Jefferson	302,570	303,510	301,260	304,620	305,490	309,490	308,440	305,990	304,420	305,220	300,770	301,180	300,140	301,670	301,150
	13.1	9.8	10.5	10.0	9.7	10.1	10.1	9.8	9.5	9.5	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.6	7.8
Lamar	8,860	9,340	9,170	9,320	9,410	9,550	9,490	9,320	9,410	9,480	9,530	9,460	9,520	9,620	9,600
	9.7	7.3	6.8	6.5	7.1	8.5	8.8	7.4	7.0	6.5	7.2	7.1	8.0	8.7	8.6
Lauderdale	35,050	35,600	35,360	35,530	35,540	36,270	36,170	36,140	35,930	35,880	35,660	35,060	35,300	34,980	34,750
	16.6	14.8	16.0	14.6	13.9	14.4	15.5	14.4	13.9	14.2	14.0	13.8	15.1	13.8	12.5
Lawrence	14,340	13,450	13,390	13,670	13,810	13,600	13,510	13,400	13,390	13,470	13,330	13,010	13,230	13,220	13,030
	18.8	15.1	15.7	15.8	15.6	14.6	15.2	13.7	13.5	13.0	14.6	14.8	15.3	15.3	12.1
Lee	36,870	38,470	37,590	38,470	39,050	39,530	38,290	38,310	37,820	38,820	39,080	38,850	39,030	39,190	39,130
	6.4	6.5	5.8	6.2	6.1	7.6	7.4	7.3	6.9	6.8	6.1	5.7	6.5	6.4	6.4
Limestone	19,310	20,230	19,540	20,140	20,400	20,170	20,060	20,130	20,650	21,100	20,830	20,740	20,810	21,160	21,340
	14.1	10.8	11.7	11.1	10.3	10.7	11.4	11.0	10.0	9.6	9.2	10.4	10.8	11.4	9.5
Lowndes	5,190	5,090	4,970	5,070	5,150	5,160	5,110	5,150	5,180	5,150	5,190	5,070	4,890	4,920	4,950
	17.9	18.3	16.8	20.1	18.4	19.3	20.4	19.9	18.9	17.1	16.4	16.7	16.9	17.5	16.4
Macon	7,950	8,150	7,810	7,960	8,040	8,390	8,360	8,310	8,070	8,540	8,300	8,210	8,220	8,340	8,380
	13.6	11.1	9.7	10.0	9.6	13.9	13.8	13.6	11.6	10.6	9.5	9.4	10.3	10.2	9.3
Madison	109,350	117,780	114,780	115,640	117,260	119,290	118,800	119,890	119,640	121,170	120,430	120,830	122,530	121,450	121,250
	8.5	7.1	8.0	7.1	6.8	7.2	7.3	6.6	6.3	6.8	6.3	6.7	7.9	6.6	6.0
Marengo	9,800	9,720	9,470	9,470	9,670	9,800	10,000	9,760	10,250	9,960	9,720	9,930	9,530	9,520	9,830
	15.5	14.2	13.5	12.2	12.0	13.3	15.7	12.3	20.0	13.9	12.3	18.8	13.3	14.4	19.1
Marion	13,700	13,580	13,340	13,520	13,630	13,770	13,810	13,680	13,530	13,710	13,620	13,750	14,000	13,610	13,440
	19.4	14.9	15.3	13.5	12.0	11.5	13.4	14.7	14.0	15.4	16.5	19.6	21.6	17.9	17.2
Marshall	31,080	33,050	32,630	33,010	33,400	33,460	33,720	33,060	33,120	33,390	32,900	33,560	33,140	32,930	32,690
	14.4	12.6	12.6	11.5	10.7	11.5	16.1	11.3	10.8	10.7	10.8	17.9	14.3	12.3	10.5
Mobile	162,590	164,730	161,840	164,630	165,770	168,260	167,720	167,210	164,480	166,680	165,400	164,050	164,810	164,440	164,180
	15.9	12.6	13.5	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.7	11.8	11.9	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.0	10.4

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984										1985		
	1983	1984	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	10,670	11,140	10,760	10,940	10,830	11,010	10,900	10,950	12,520	11,050	11,170	11,940	10,790	10,730	11,160
	12.6	16.2	12.4	12.1	10.2	12.7	12.5	11.9	32.7	13.2	14.4	31.2	13.9	12.8	29.3
Montgomery	92,990	96,610	94,780	96,410	97,250	98,700	97,650	97,560	97,900	98,200	97,130	96,920	97,010	96,860	97,080
	10.5	8.8	8.8	8.5	8.3	9.4	9.3	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.3	7.7	7.3
Morgan	37,910	38,870	38,240	39,280	39,640	40,140	39,680	39,200	39,070	38,880	38,390	38,300	38,560	38,550	38,350
	14.5	11.5	12.5	11.6	11.2	11.1	11.9	11.0	11.2	10.9	10.8	10.6	11.7	11.1	9.4
Perry	5,850	5,820	5,500	5,680	5,770	5,920	5,890	5,970	5,990	6,030	6,130	6,010	5,900	5,780	5,830
	14.8	13.3	11.5	10.4	10.0	10.9	12.1	11.8	10.8	10.0	16.4	21.2	18.8	11.9	11.7
Pickens	7,510	7,080	6,980	7,040	7,200	7,270	7,170	7,140	7,030	7,070	7,000	6,900	6,960	7,110	7,000
	18.0	15.9	15.4	15.3	17.3	16.2	16.3	15.9	13.8	13.8	16.7	16.8	17.0	18.4	15.8
Pike	13,680	13,560	13,470	13,550	13,690	13,670	13,440	13,680	13,470	14,570	13,800	13,060	13,770	13,820	14,000
	13.7	10.1	11.6	9.5	9.0	10.1	10.4	10.2	10.3	8.7	8.7	10.7	8.7	8.2	8.6
Randolph	9,060	8,790	8,590	8,610	8,740	8,780	9,160	8,770	8,720	8,930	8,790	8,590	8,680	8,830	8,670
	17.9	14.9	15.3	13.2	13.3	14.4	22.2	17.0	15.7	14.1	12.0	10.7	11.6	18.1	10.7
Russell	18,120	19,290	18,540	18,830	19,090	20,460	19,650	19,310	19,040	19,190	20,070	19,480	19,950	19,160	19,220
	13.7	12.9	11.2	11.3	11.8	17.1	13.4	10.9	10.8	11.1	14.7	12.3	14.7	12.4	12.1
St. Clair	19,240	19,400	18,930	19,290	19,260	19,490	19,350	19,370	19,750	19,460	19,670	19,910	20,100	20,030	19,750
	14.2	11.5	10.7	10.8	10.1	10.4	10.1	10.6	12.4	10.9	12.5	13.4	14.3	13.6	11.7
Shelby	31,300	31,910	31,150	31,780	32,170	32,780	32,640	32,170	31,760	31,990	31,940	31,650	31,640	31,830	32,100
	12.1	10.3	9.5	9.7	10.3	11.2	11.2	10.3	9.3	9.7	10.2	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5
Sumter	6,920	7,250	7,180	7,560	7,360	7,470	7,220	7,070	7,270	7,470	7,180	7,220	7,160	7,080	7,020
	14.3	11.5	11.0	12.3	9.9	12.8	13.3	12.7	10.7	10.1	11.5	13.5	13.5	12.7	14.0
Talladega	31,560	31,150	30,690	31,050	31,150	31,970	31,250	31,530	32,230	30,750	31,360	31,140	31,230	31,500	31,070
	17.2	15.8	14.5	14.7	14.3	16.1	15.5	16.7	20.8	14.3	16.9	16.9	18.3	18.8	16.6
Tallapoosa	16,600	17,300	17,070	17,350	17,370	17,850	17,780	17,810	17,290	17,290	17,160	17,010	17,120	17,050	17,080
	12.1	9.4	9.4	8.7	8.4	9.6	10.0	10.4	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.6	11.4	10.6	11.9
Tuscaloosa	56,310	58,150	57,710	58,580	59,210	58,230	57,550	58,040	58,450	58,940	58,770	58,670	57,840	59,050	58,900
	12.4	9.6	10.1	9.1	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	8.7	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.7
Walker	32,400	32,560	32,630	32,170	32,380	32,440	32,410	32,240	32,110	32,340	33,040	33,830	33,630	33,390	33,340
	16.3	13.3	14.8	12.1	12.2	11.6	11.8	11.8	11.5	12.0	14.4	16.3	15.9	14.9	14.1
Washington	6,330	6,490	6,510	6,450	6,680	6,460	6,620	6,410	6,730	6,670	6,450	6,380	6,280	6,160	6,270
	20.0	18.1	16.6	15.6	18.7	17.6	21.5	18.2	20.8	18.8	16.9	19.4	17.8	15.9	17.0
Wilcox	5,870	5,480	5,260	5,420	5,580	5,800	5,680	5,620	5,530	5,540	5,370	5,190	5,070	5,470	5,210
	20.2	15.3	15.9	15.3	15.7	15.9	16.7	15.3	14.7	14.2	13.5	13.3	12.4	22.0	14.7
Winston	9,030	9,260	9,160	9,200	9,410	9,290	9,080	9,060	9,060	9,460	9,370	9,530	9,420	9,340	9,040
	18.7	19.6	19.0	17.5	18.6	16.5	17.4	17.5	17.1	20.5	21.1	24.4	25.6	23.4	19.3
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	643,182	726,362	53,684	72,261	83,186	44,217	90,034	54,364	68,859	64,093	41,830	62,625	64,445	72,680	
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	6,288	9,484	232	718	905	769	988	1,019	1,032	971	477	1,282	1,044	1,029	
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	788,611	622,949	46,631	32,516	60,111	47,488	31,808	44,217	42,139	62,763	80,528	65,538	59,759	38,630	
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	9,496	21,911	1,667	2,096	1,930	1,915	1,292	2,293	1,719	2,353	1,892	1,739	2,201	2,398	
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile *(1,000 tons)*	34,916	38,790	3,015	3,110	3,266	3,413	3,307	3,549	3,362	3,445	3,524	3,262	3,151	3,083	3,028
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, nonindustrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,017	24,285	1,793	1,604	1,607	1,968	2,445	2,384	2,339	1,861	1,785	1,911	2,108	2,400	1,733
Gasoline sales *(1,000 gallons)*	1,861,406	1,905,267	162,105	162,606	162,470	161,968	163,798	168,845	150,779	163,960	157,127	158,793	156,773	133,925	
New passenger car registrations *(number)*	122,393	141,896	11,051	11,616	13,890	12,648	12,806	12,579	10,981	11,452	11,547	11,757	10,748	10,403	13,107
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals *($1,000,000)*															
Food		3,648	305	305	331	303	311	309	310	304	303	328	308	290	308
General stores with food and gas		174	14	15	15	16	15	15	15	15	15	15	13	12	14
General merchandise		2,382	176	191	191	196	176	190	181	185	238	356	161	150	194
Apparel		568	46	52	45	47	41	48	45	46	52	76	38	34	50
Furniture, furnishings, etc.		544	44	43	44	45	47	46	43	46	49	56	43	38	48
Automotive		3,085	275	259	281	288	269	281	243	258	245	241	231	241	285
Gasoline service stations		296	25	25	26	26	26	26	24	26	23	25	24	22	24
Lumber and building materials		890	73	77	81	82	79	80	79	81	76	66	58	54	75
Hardware and farm implements		426	37	39	40	40	38	38	37	37	35	31	29	28	38
Eating places		1,291	112	103	104	106	112	117	110	109	107	119	99	95	112
Drug stores		264	21	21	24	25	19	21	20	20	22	29	26	22	20
All other retail		2,162	173	175	176	181	169	185	179	181	190	244	175	155	174
Total sales by retail concerns		15,730	1,303	1,304	1,329	1,355	1,301	1,356	1,288	1,308	1,354	1,585	1,204	1,142	1,341
Nonretail and unclassified concerns		2,518	213	214	228	228	219	228	330	226	214	240	179	171	201
Total all sales at retail		18,348	1,516	1,518	1,558	1,582	1,520	1,585	1,517	1,534	1,568	1,825	1,383	1,314	1,542
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston		507,734	42,586	42,273	43,099	43,687	41,934	42,706	41,646	43,339	43,894	49,968	37,330	35,782	42,610
Birmingham		5,032,969	421,290	417,135	429,834	434,018	415,989	441,452	424,772	419,320	424,735	490,015	383,936	358,317	430,537
Dothan		643,336	53,484	52,862	56,011	57,229	53,804	54,947	50,937	54,544	54,307	63,730	47,872	47,001	52,303
Florence		612,710	50,268	51,028	51,571	52,275	51,046	52,215	49,322	51,858	52,817	64,610	43,744	40,785	51,457
Gadsden		459,430	37,607	38,366	38,951	38,527	41,831	41,119	37,104	38,485	37,081	44,454	33,127	31,041	37,525
Huntsville		1,049,450	85,508	85,699	88,103	89,288	86,598	89,902	84,843	87,092	92,264	108,784	78,689	75,700	87,181
Mobile		2,107,789	173,142	177,432	179,624	185,901	179,455	164,141	170,664	173,630	175,052	202,880	157,112	148,762	171,847
Montgomery		1,429,561	116,574	117,041	122,705	124,747	119,646	122,069	117,377	116,428	124,747	145,986	107,733	105,366	122,585
Tuscaloosa		631,281	51,856	50,684	52,063	53,322	51,062	55,374	53,489	53,170	53,078	64,747	47,020	46,947	53,695
Counties															
Autauga		96,624	7,963	8,238	8,135	8,431	8,420	8,216	8,064	7,953	8,238	9,231	7,443	7,859	8,607
Baldwin		341,553	28,073	28,689	30,045	30,896	31,162	31,427	28,072	28,104	27,811	30,462	24,637	24,223	27,911
Barbour		71,552	5,878	5,893	6,202	6,334	6,188	6,656	5,584	6,080	6,162	6,840	5,376	5,165	5,693
Bibb		41,386	3,282	3,314	3,674	3,713	3,266	3,621	3,269	3,500	3,782	4,200	2,991	3,045	3,449
Blount		89,030	6,974	7,154	7,750	7,927	7,471	8,243	7,349	7,952	7,452	8,573	6,898	6,762	7,404
Bullock		25,650	2,143	2,123	1,977	3,001	2,014	2,106	2,178	1,851	2,119	2,889	2,136	2,074	1,896
Butler		65,544	5,453	5,554	5,364	5,473	5,667	5,679	5,723	5,142	5,510	5,853	5,065	4,583	5,346
Calhoun		507,734	42,586	42,273	43,099	43,687	41,934	42,706	41,646	43,339	43,894	49,968	37,330	35,782	42,610
Chambers		107,006	9,214	9,079	9,382	8,917	8,913	8,922	8,447	9,082	9,187	9,895	8,227	7,508	8,936
Cherokee		47,879	3,913	4,128	4,340	4,432	3,861	4,172	3,756	4,012	3,789	4,396	3,736	3,408	4,056
Chilton		99,779	8,129	8,267	8,494	8,634	8,029	8,610	8,074	8,747	8,799	10,145	7,483	7,778	8,923
Choctaw		36,598	3,203	3,039	2,922	3,007	3,098	3,197	2,823	2,916	3,086	3,556	3,083	2,591	3,212
Clarke		98,624	8,282	8,615	7,937	8,061	7,671	8,821	8,257	8,669	8,799	10,951	7,859	7,731	8,516
Clay		26,379	2,294	2,220	2,239	2,285	2,169	2,262	2,191	2,171	2,231	2,556	1,997	1,923	2,023
Cleburne		22,175	1,937	1,951	1,986	2,000	2,093	1,897	1,756	1,868	1,710	1,680	1,579	1,370	1,829
Coffee		185,533	16,957	16,213	16,490	16,275	14,951	15,276	14,579	14,317	14,961	17,750	13,709	13,644	14,761

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984										1985		
	1983	1984	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert		249,806	20,910	21,051	21,733	22,031	21,515	21,620	20,081	20,916	20,459	23,798	17,374	17,126	20,892
Conecuh		37,485	3,441	3,132	3,069	3,034	2,968	2,862	4,323	2,822	2,973	3,633	2,741	2,677	3,132
Coosa		8,925	723	717	700	671	760	826	813	842	828	898	784	758	762
Covington		136,931	12,109	11,958	11,618	11,836	11,258	12,007	11,061	11,336	10,909	13,071	9,777	9,703	10,958
Crenshaw		30,675	2,509	2,540	2,532	2,581	2,452	2,338	2,176	2,661	3,069	3,138	2,526	2,490	2,943
Cullman		237,544	19,756	20,050	20,196	20,945	20,006	19,894	19,142	21,049	20,353	23,410	16,783	16,035	20,427
Dale		104,890	8,766	8,492	8,857	8,984	8,944	8,834	8,908	8,759	9,020	10,672	7,815	7,847	9,126
Dallas		198,947	16,688	16,519	17,220	17,386	16,274	16,458	16,181	17,110	17,209	19,597	15,336	14,092	16,488
DeKalb		180,360	13,828	14,711	15,557	15,868	14,959	15,492	14,942	15,251	15,818	17,560	12,324	11,423	14,923
Elmore		101,960	8,428	8,221	8,865	9,047	8,624	9,008	8,778	8,138	8,345	9,791	7,606	7,772	8,765
Escambia		141,746	12,089	12,450	11,746	11,940	11,383	11,532	11,278	12,262	11,878	14,706	10,541	10,356	12,169
Etowah		459,430	37,607	38,366	38,951	39,527	41,831	41,119	37,104	38,485	37,081	44,454	33,127	31,041	37,625
Fayette		64,907	5,816	5,400	5,683	5,755	4,967	5,280	5,730	5,116	5,079	6,384	4,369	4,569	4,770
Franklin		99,51[illegible]	8,516	8,430	8,434	8,631	8,147	8,527	8,174	8,022	8,784	9,785	7,805	7,125	12,842
Geneva		144,804	11,995	12,075	12,455	12,504	11,657	11,908	11,847	11,669	12,633	13,662	11,014	11,219	11,935
Greene		18,306	1,564	1,492	1,614	1,639	2,062	1,611	1,388	1,509	1,397	1,479	1,219	1,063	1,312
Hale		31,288	2,767	2,573	2,805	2,854	2,528	2,783	2,601	2,522	2,509	2,712	2,493	2,180	2,634
Henry		35,723	3,030	3,011	2,956	3,011	2,953	2,999	3,276	2,790	3,225	3,684	3,308	2,846	2,892
Houston		538,446	44,718	44,370	47,154	48,245	44,860	46,113	42,029	45,785	45,287	53,058	40,057	39,154	43,254
Jackson		136,546	10,927	10,919	11,322	11,636	11,259	12,662	11,330	12,092	12,165	13,515	10,123	9,461	12,090
Jefferson		4,278,460	360,080	355,203	363,019	366,642	351,933	374,457	362,203	355,303	361,011	420,268	323,882	313,019	364,332
Lamar		37,896	3,797	3,127	3,428	3,472	3,128	3,078	2,963	2,951	3,152	3,208	2,787	2,428	3,177
Lauderdale		362,904	29,358	29,977	29,838	30,244	29,531	30,595	29,241	30,942	32,358	40,812	26,370	23,659	30,565
Lawrence		51,735	4,135	4,216	4,585	4,677	4,108	4,442	4,234	4,404	4,548	5,264	3,828	3,732	4,382
Lee		346,609	28,202	28,452	29,222	29,605	28,061	29,073	29,673	29,364	30,575	34,909	25,182	24,477	27,539
Limestone		161,445	13,548	13,573	14,093	14,358	13,124	13,888	13,414	13,102	13,953	15,806	12,150	12,145	14,487
Lowndes		16,832	1,339	1,380	1,462	1,480	1,336	1,366	1,372	1,431	1,403	1,768	1,420	1,553	1,699
Macon		45,077	3,481	3,654	3,760	3,838	3,770	4,291	3,999	3,659	3,633	3,962	3,635	2,893	3,145
Madison		1,049,450	85,508	85,699	88,103	89,286	86,598	89,902	84,843	87,092	92,264	108,784	78,689	75,700	87,181
Marengo		69,314	5,668	5,439	5,510	5,634	5,465	5,847	5,488	5,903	6,440	7,205	5,806	5,298	5,858
Marion		95,298	8,213	7,474	7,926	8,139	7,811	7,993	7,848	7,633	8,331	10,053	7,627	6,585	8,197
Marshall		339,397	27,935	28,112	29,288	29,820	28,261	29,634	28,249	28,412	29,520	33,443	25,078	24,527	30,025
Mobile		1,760,236	145,069	148,743	149,579	155,005	148,293	152,714	142,592	145,526	147,241	172,418	132,475	124,539	143,936
Monroe		102,718	8,373	7,767	7,711	7,937	7,721	9,954	9,190	8,969	11,484	10,927	6,085	5,986	7,731
Montgomery		1,230,977	100,179	100,582	105,705	107,269	102,602	104,845	100,535	100,337	108,164	126,964	92,684	89,735	105,213
Morgan		452,841	36,643	37,603	38,520	39,123	36,426	38,736	38,007	38,345	40,518	47,146	32,675	31,828	39,050
Perry		25,163	2,145	2,028	2,148	2,171	2,096	2,313	2,378	2,165	1,998	2,163	1,753	1,777	1,995
Pickens		41,300	3,487	3,625	3,638	3,693	3,451	3,567	3,319	3,588	3,298	3,745	2,789	353	3,434
Pike		90,675	7,674	7,349	7,577	7,501	7,151	7,894	7,632	8,018	7,760	8,978	7,616	6,477	6,800
Randolph		57,890	4,900	4,443	4,788	4,861	4,674	4,447	4,674	4,793	5,187	5,341	5,497	4,523	5,112
Russell		121,332	10,008	9,962	10,327	10,404	10,384	10,772	10,004	10,337	10,108	11,813	9,042	8,629	9,826
St. Clair		120,984	10,380	9,984	10,753	10,936	10,100	10,278	10,194	10,527	9,515	10,818	9,009	9,240	11,290
Shelby		253,320	21,009	20,805	22,707	22,932	21,957	23,310	20,977	21,059	20,984	21,846	21,070	17,788	22,262
Sumter		30,972	2,867	2,563	2,410	2,508	2,530	2,556	2,432	2,604	2,890	3,107	2,477	2,247	2,437
Talladega		240,041	19,187	20,366	22,808	21,292	20,634	19,734	18,616	19,184	20,089	23,666	18,114	17,236	19,693
Tallapoosa		127,232	10,653	11,075	11,406	11,589	10,720	10,378	9,840	10,119	10,536	11,804	9,541	8,683	10,375
Tuscaloosa		631,281	51,856	50,634	52,063	53,322	51,062	55,374	53,489	53,170	53,078	64,747	47,020	46,947	53,695
Walker		291,175	22,847	23,989	25,405	25,581	24,528	26,164	24,049	24,479	25,773	28,510	23,077	21,468	25,249
Washington		21,489	1,720	1,825	1,931	1,971	1,695	2,022	1,791	1,898	1,630	1,781	1,488	1,562	1,624
Wilcox		27,983	2,419	2,249	2,406	2,468	2,356	2,313	2,227	2,290	2,189	2,589	2,115	2,033	2,149
Winston		71,235	6,015	6,159	6,434	6,439	5,736	6,070	5,984	5,647	5,922	6,669	5,518	5,098	6,603
Statewide		973,036	74,534	77,105	75,460	77,971	76,374	82,128	83,085	86,053	86,041	106,940	79,594	64,890	78,271
BUILDING PERMITS															
Alabama															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	1,079,085	1,258,032	99,328	193,079	97,366	115,116	89,776	147,317	80,497	84,514	95,153	105,139	60,081	65,250	123,177
Residential	449,881	438,383	39,447	46,811	38,102	43,568	36,909	42,389	33,332	36,966	36,682	20,874	25,969	28,712	45,287
Nonresidential	366,127	586,743	32,351	130,709	42,724	53,582	44,597	79,263	27,171	29,249	36,821	66,040	21,592	28,887	60,384
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	8,848	8,869	790	788	915	842	633	749	694	737	669	613	659	627	826
Residential	3,593	3,530	317	317	408	324	322	317	246	256	255	263	258	272	384
Nonresidential	932	1,213	126	113	117	139	104	92	90	95	93	76	111	73	96
Birmingham															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	213,343	104,141	8,945	7,619	5,562	8,258	8,169	14,214	10,005	5,797	12,365	13,105	5,535	11,188	14,508
Residential	31,921	15,598	2,100	2,551	814	1,299	763	1,285	1,271	1,076	963	802	773	1,241	1,301
Nonresidential	108,370	25,706	1,071	90	768	2,963	2,389	1,967	3,606	4,675	1,568	5,114	2,057	2,717	8,497
Decatur															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	14,095	18,028	1,075	1,106	1,520	1,342	1,909	2,170	1,767	1,920	1,720	1,476	1,444	1,133	1,939
Residential	7,340	11,596	739	739	1,096	925	1,080	1,357	1,053	1,142	1,052	897	814	570	1,138
Nonresidential	2,156	2,744	115	139	172	171	355	425	318	347	294	249	283	226	398
Dothan															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	18,943	17,520	1,568	1,353	1,326	1,614	901	1,599	1,344	1,857	2,461	1,458	967	886	830
Residential	7,760	6,718	685	695	448	759	182	226	370	670	1,405	203	324	432	399
Nonresidential	6,339	5,478	452	518	238	257	125	641	668	860	680	483	58	118	46
Gadsden															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	13,596	9,310	214	565	1,351	865	166	260	886	2,546	1,057	215	123	288	964
Residential	2,006	2,129	92	347	978	219	26	74	46	53	128		56	103	462
Nonresidential	3,912	5,828	102	163	122	493	101	143	813	2,331	894	188	40	141	474
Huntsville															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	122,759	147,927	12,836	8,111	13,997	13,853	14,007	14,163	6,626	8,187	13,808	19,407	6,178	6,268	24,795
Residential	51,350	55,064	4,874	4,843	3,753	6,932	3,331	6,078	2,825	2,982	8,817	1,593	2,863	1,440	3,194
Nonresidential	45,128	73,370	7,169	2,413	8,366	5,970	9,394	6,045	3,339	3,835	3,266	15,945	2,668	2,755	18,064
Mobile															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	109,508	254,605	17,080	116,254	6,250	36,928	6,707	4,020	6,484	10,322	10,320	31,156	7,730	4,770	6,893
Residential	38,261	26,514	1,424	2,639	2,009	6,935	3,208	1,071	1,201	2,636	1,673	1,065	1,478	1,738	1,234
Nonresidential	49,663	197,690	4,160	112,221	3,331	28,665	2,127	1,153	3,886	2,288	7,264	28,688	5,120	2,165	4,458

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984										1985		
	1983	1984	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	76,984	94,862	6,477	330	6,994	7,007	8,192	8,070	7,254	8,188	11,037	6,049	6,554	6,027	8,624
Residential	32,619	35,697	2,462	2,509	2,493	2,528	3,504	3,361	2,991	3,262	5,463	2,557	2,140	3,036	3,836
Nonresidential	28,264	46,198	2,727	2,496	3,043	3,059	3,719	3,896	3,407	4,000	5,193	2,843	3,750	2,321	3,960
Quad-Cities															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	12,978	39,267	4,666	2,443	4,910	1,260	2,227	1,799	2,246	1,917	800	12,947	691	532	1,416
Residential	6,391	7,172	1,298	700	792	323	633	721	533	430	381	126	351	177	704
Nonresidential	3,506	23,675	3,031	1,079	3,887	614	1,265	160	196	323	178	12,150	48	51	379
Selma															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	4,197	7,002	219	1,019	356	158	994	184	619	593	309	312	36	109	184
Residential	357	643	24	87	82	117	148	75		76	35		36	109	184
Nonresidential	238	1,908	36	717	35		7		617	4	188	167			
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	30,159	34,459	3,328	1,804	4,323	4,183	1,719	2,805	2,463	2,228	3,713	3,739	1,420	7,960	3,678
Residential	14,849	15,717	2,097	988	2,153	1,284	737	1,634	1,356	789	1,268	1,218	693	4,328	2,792
Nonresidential	6,227	10,707	573	277	1,529	1,901	615	360	552	1,145	664	2,029	100	2,933	493

NOTE Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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End-of-month balance.

Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

Anniston CBD Leads State in Retail Sales

Anniston's central business district had the highest percentage of total metropolitan area retail sales in 1982 among the eight such downtown areas in Alabama, according to a report on major retail centers by the Census Bureau.

Anniston's central business district accounted for $74 million in retail sales in 1982, 17 percent of the total for the Anniston Metropolitan Statistical Area, according to the report, which was based on the 1982 Census of Retail Trade. In 1977, the year of the previous retail trade census, the city's downtown stores had sales of $34 million, 10 percent of Anniston MSA sales.

Other MSA cities in the report are Florence, Huntsville, Gadsden, Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Montgomery, and Mobile. Retail sales for other cities as a percent of their MSA totals ranged from 1 percent in Mobile to 16 percent in Gadsden. In volume of sales, the largest retail complex in the state, with sales of $336 million to surpass the $256 million for downtown Birmingham, was the area in Mobile that includes Bel Air and Springdale malls and Springdale Plaza.

To receive a copy of the report, *1982 Census of Retail Trade, Major Retail Centers—Alabama*, RC82-C-1, contact the Data User Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

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Travel in Alabama: The Economic Impact

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What shares did Alabama's four travel regions contribute? Much interest has been expressed continuously over the previous successive years of Auburn University's travel research in regional or area breakdowns of the state's total annual travel income.

While the need and desire for this information is understandable, in keeping with budgetary considerations the research design used in this study to estimate the state total does not permit meaningful estimates of travel revenues at substate levels. Furthermore, even if the research design did permit such estimates, it should be recognized that the narrower the area for study of such socioeconomic data is defined the weaker the basis for reliable estimates.

However, it appears that using the state's lodging tax collections, which can be aggregated into county groupings of any size, as a general indicator for allocating travel revenues to specifically defined areas within the state may give a more meaningful perspective on the state's travel revenue-generating potential. For this purpose, the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel's breakdown of the state into four travel regions—Highlands, Plantation, Wiregrass, and Gulf—has been adapted with slight modification. The geographical positioning of these four regions is seen in Figure 1.

Using the indicator discussed above, it may be estimated that, broadly, the $3.3 billion traveler expenditures for 1984 by region are as follows:

Highlands	45%
Plantation	23%
Gulf	25%
Wiregrass	7%

The Highlands region includes the preponderance of mountains, lakes, and scenic attractions of North Alabama as well as the industrial complexes of the Tennessee Valley, the City of Birmingham, and some similar areas. Thus the character of activities gives rise to considerable travel activity for a variety of purposes in these twenty-three counties.

The Plantation region, a twenty-seven-county area including Montgomery across the state's midsection, is relatively nonurban as is the ten-county Wiregrass region. In the seven-county Gulf region, the major travel-inducing features are so identified with the Mobile area and the state's Gulf Coast primarily that apparently there is no overstatement in concluding that these points alone give rise to some 25 percent of the state's travel revenues.

What is the impact of travelers' spending upon the state's employment? It may be estimated generally that every dollar spent by travelers in 1984 generated some 20 cents in wage and salary income for the state.[2] Thus the $3.3 billion in total traveler expenditures provided some $660 million in wages and salaries and more than 72,000 jobs in the travel-related service industries.[3] When the employment directly attributable to travel spending is compared with employment in the three largest industries in the state's nonagricultural sector, as indicated below, it is seen that the travel-industry employment far surpasses that of any other single-industry component:

Apparel	54,317
Textiles	39,667
Primary Metals	25,458

In fact, travel-industry employment represented approximately 5.4 percent of the state's total nonagricultural employment in 1984.

The state's travel activity provided support for some 72,000 jobs in 1984, reflecting an increase of 15 percent over 1983, thus lending a remarkable enhancement to the recovery of the state's ailing economy. By comparison, employment in all manufacturing in Alabama was up in 1984 by only 5 percent, and the combined employment of the three industries cited above—apparel, textiles, and primary metals—was up by only 4.3 percent. Thus, the travel sector actually underwent an appreciable improvement in its relative position in the employment picture.

What was the impact of travel spending upon the state's retail sales tax collections? Traveler expenditures accounted for over $125 million, or 18.7 percent, of the more than $665 million in retail sales tax collected by the state in 1984. This still does not include the contribution of travelers' expenditures to state gasoline taxes, which obviously is quite a significant factor, but is not determinable from the expenditure information provided by travelers in the survey.

Given the recognized parameters and the available statistics, these estimates do not appear to overstate the impact of travel activity on the Alabama economy. If anything, the exercise of extraordinary caution may have made these estimates very conservative. Clearly, those concerned with Alabama's growth and economic health cannot afford to overlook the continuing viability of its travel industry sector, despite current and recent adverse conditions, and its yet unrealized potential for development as a productive economic resource.

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Focus on Alabama's Elderly

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One of every nine Alabama residents is now at least 65 years old. Alabama ranks twenty-third among the states both in number and proportion of persons 65 and over within its population. As this elderly population becomes an increasingly prominant group, their special needs become more and more important to legislators, planners, and service providers throughout the state and nation.

AGE, RACE, AND GENDER

Alabamians are growing older. That portion of the population made up of persons 65 years old or older grew from 9.5 percent of the state population in 1970 to 11.3 percent in 1980. The Census Bureau estimates that in 1984 nearly 12 percent of Alabama's citizens were age 65 or over. This is in keeping with the national trend whereby the elderly population grew from 9.9 percent of our country's population in 1970 to 11.3 percent in 1980, and 11.9 percent in 1984. In 1984 there were 476,000 Alabamians who were 65 years old or older.

Alabama's total population growth rate between censuses was faster than the national growth rate, and since the 1980 census that trend has continued. One of the fastest growing segments of Alabama's population is people 65 and over. The older population may be grouped in brackets of 65-74 years, 75-84 years, and 85 years or older. As life expectancy increases, more people enter the upper brackets. Between 1970 and 1980 the 65-74 group went from 6.0 percent of the total state population to 7.1 percent; the 75-84 group increased from 2.7 percent of the state population to 3.3 percent; and the 85 and over group grew from 0.7 percent of the state population in 1970 to 0.9 percent in 1980.

In 1980 in Alabama 75.7 percent of persons 65 years old and over were white and 24.0 percent black. Only 0.3 percent were of other races. Females comprised 60.3 percent of whites 65 years old and over and 60.0 percent of blacks at least 65 years old. Therefore, females comprised 60.2 percent of all persons 65 years old and over.

The majority of Alabama's elderly (63 percent) were between the ages of 65 and 74. Only 7.6 percent were 85 or older. Some 48 percent of all Alabama's elderly were female and between 65 and 79 years old, while only 12 percent were female and 80 or older. Within each age group more than half were female, and the proportion of females increased with age.

LIVING CONDITIONS

The 1980 census recorded 1.3 million households in Alabama. Twenty-one percent of these were headed by a person 65 years old or older. The Census Bureau makes a distinction between a family household and a nonfamily household. A nonfamily household is a household consisting of a person living alone or of a householder living with other unrelated individuals. A widow whose unemployed son has moved back home is a family householder; a widow who has taken in an unrelated boarder is a nonfamily householder.

The overwhelming majority (78 percent) of all Alabama householders are family householders. Only 15.8 percent of the family householders are 65 years or older, while 41 percent of the nonfamily householders are elderly. More than 75 percent of family households with an elderly householder had no children present. A child in this case is someone under 18 years old who has never been married. Most householders 65 years or older (68 percent) were married and living with their spouses in 1980. Most families with a senior householder had two persons in the family. Less than 5 percent of all families with an elderly householder had as many as seven persons in the family.

Within elderly *nonfamily* households, 96 percent of the persons 65 years and over were householders living alone. This means there were 119,000 one-person households in Alabama in which the person was 65 years old or older.

Some older Alabamians do not live in households, but in group quarters. The Census Bureau defines group quarters as prisons, fraternity and sorority houses, dormitories, barracks, homes for the aged, residential hospitals, boarding houses, convents, monasteries, ships, and mental institutions. The majority (90.5 percent) of Alabamians 65 years and older living in group quarters were living in homes for the aged; 6.1 percent were in other institutions, such as correctional institutions or homes, schools, or hospitals for the mentally or physically handicapped; and 3.4 percent were living in other group quarters, such as rooming houses.

INCOME AND POVERTY

In 1980 approximately 48,000, or 11 percent of Alabama's citizens age 65 or older, were members of the civilian labor force. Of employed persons 65 and older, 38 percent were women. Some 41 percent of elderly unemployed persons who were looking for work were women.

Nearly 90 percent of families with an elderly householder with earned income in 1979 were above the poverty level. While the majority of elderly householders with earned income were above the poverty level, many other older householders in Alabama were living near the poverty level. One fifth of family householders and half of the nonfamily householders 65 years old and over were below the poverty level. Almost all of the nonfamily householders below poverty were people living alone, and many of these were women. The image of the elderly widow living by herself in poverty still haunts us.

Although females comprise about 68 percent of all persons 65 and over below the poverty level, a woman who lives with family is less likely to suffer from poverty. Less than 6 percent of all *family* householders 65 years old and over were females below the poverty level. The presence of family members to share one's senior years is not only emotionally satisfying, but also economically beneficial.

Having gotten a good education also helps ward off poverty after age 65, and the combination of family and education is a pretty good guarantee. More than 90 percent of elderly householders, male or female, in married couple families or in families with no spouse present, who completed college were above poverty. The same holds true for those who completed high school. Nearly 90 percent of elderly householders living in families who completed high school were above poverty.

Unfortunately, in 1980 only 14.6 percent of Alabamians 65 years old and over had completed high school. The number of female high school graduates was almost twice as large as the number of male graduates of the same age. Only 6 percent of

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1984									1985			
	1983	1984	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] *(1,000 net tons)*	23,071	28,068	2,211	2,327	2,377	2,056	2,590	2,418	2,517	2,238	2,201	1,916	1,931	2,288	2,189
Natural gas production *(1,000,000 cu. ft.)*	126,576	137,180	11,386	11,920	9,984	10,667	11,898	11,371	11,742	12,156	13,079	12,825	11,617	12,608	11,845
Cotton consumption *(1,000 lbs.)*	360,820	338,597	27,531	30,038	26,733	23,408	29,670	28,420	30,981	26,510	25,200	25,162	25,680	28,182	29,150
Crude oil and condensate production[2] *(1,000 barrels)*	18,708	19,807	1,533	1,673	1,583	1,752	1,680	1,673	1,662	1,696	1,763	1,761	1,834	1,862	1,761
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	21,020	24,250	1,983	2,005	2,104	2,039	2,146	2,135	2,097	2,063	1,971	1,912	1,960	1,892	1,931
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production *(1,000 net tons)*	6,166	6,514	571	525	561	534	559	540	571	520	496	533	509	578	496
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[3] *($1,000)*	2,763,700	3,030,000	175,200	570,200	231,400	210,600	383,400	202,200	230,000	235,000	168,700	215,200	243,700	234,700	265,000
Residential	1,286,500	1,226,800	104,600	116,100	114,100	105,900	163,200	96,800	84,200	90,300	51,200	87,200	83,900	106,900	120,400
Nonresidential	1,025,800	930,000	48,500	93,000	71,300	60,700	137,900	43,900	88,100	84,200	89,500	90,300	133,100	35,000	97,400
Public works and utilities	451,300	873,400	22,100	361,200	46,400	43,900	84,200	59,300	57,800	60,500	28,000	37,500	26,900	92,800	47,100
Cement consumption *(1,000 net tons)*	1,086	1,197	100	112	117	102	110	105	105	100	83	64	70	111	125
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[4] *($1,000,000)*	5,263	5,887	5,387	5,416	5,492	5,544	5,606	5,681	5,740	5,805	5,887	5,961	6,013	6,119	6,156
Tax collections *($1,000)*															
Total	2,288,165	2,637,841	234,338	246,438	198,192	195,871	215,569	241,633	225,955	217,523	188,995	234,054	208,140	263,264	254,000
Franchise	52,214	64,476	5,379	1,275	2,504	8,422	2,315	6,357	4,799	2,537	292	743	1,415	31,254	7,315
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	199,587	207,095	17,523	17,585	17,564	17,504	17,752	18,217	16,284	17,697	16,942	17,148	16,883	14,472	16,799
Income	811,833	1,009,832	82,889	130,465	81,367	42,840	90,776	92,998	48,127	88,819	76,705	65,174	99,678	113,517	93,180
Motor fuels	45,027	50,278	3,896	4,703	3,735	3,580	5,287	3,166	4,583	5,374	4,679	3,572	4,033	3,943	3,682
Oil/gas privilege	89,645	70,183	5,164	5,571	5,438	5,605	9,662	5,294	5,319	4,829	6,159	5,629	5,747	7,786	5,357
Oil/gas production	17,290	17,331	1,384	1,460	1,437	1,478	1,322	1,409	1,413	1,287	1,649	1,504	1,537	2,173	1,433
Sales	609,132	704,299	55,808	56,985	58,145	57,514	56,957	58,767	81,495	58,477	52,785	74,362	50,419	55,423	61,037
2.2% Gross receipts	46,185	54,765	13,448	210	1	13,723	.....	15	13,638	66	.....	13,643	.....	1	13,200
TVA electric	31,290	36,734	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	6,895	.....	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451
Tobacco	68,915	70,022	5,734	6,072	6,211	5,980	6,516	6,380	5,990	5,939	5,313	6,299	5,573	5,567	5,535
Use	66,519	75,723	15,351	2,019	604	16,868	1,310	1,419	18,146	1,389	531	18,440	842	846	17,614
Utility	152,287	151,261	11,714	9,654	11,225	12,587	14,277	12,234	10,527	11,889	13,322	16,356	12,754	14,381	10,308
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All items	298.4	311.1	308.8	309.7	310.7	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	316.1	317.4	318.8	320.1
Food	291.7	302.9	302.3	301.4	302.0	303.2	304.8	304.2	304.4	304.1	305.1	307.3	309.5	309.7	309.6
Housing	323.1	336.5	333.2	334.8	336.2	338.1	339.5	341.4	341.2	340.9	341.2	342.0	343.6	344.7	345.9
Fuel and utilities	370.3	387.3	380.9	385.5	390.0	393.9	395.5	397.0	392.4	387.5	386.0	387.2	386.5	388.2	388.7
Apparel and upkeep	196.5	200.2	199.2	198.9	197.4	196.6	200.1	204.2	205.7	205.2	203.2	199.8	201.8	205.3	205.9
Transportation	298.4	311.7	309.6	312.2	313.1	312.9	312.9	313.7	315.5	316.1	315.8	314.7	314.3	316.7	320.0
Medical care	357.3	379.5	375.7	376.8	378.0	380.3	381.9	383.1	385.5	387.5	388.5	391.1	393.8	396.5	398.0
Energy	419.3	423.6	421.3	426.1	428.5	428.3	427.3	429.0	426.7	421.8	418.9	414.5	411.4	416.6	424.4
Producer Price Index, U.S.[5] *(1967 = 100)*															
All commodities	303.1	310.3	311.3	311.5	311.3	311.9	310.7	309.3	309.4	310.3	309.8	309.8	309.2	308.7	309.3
Industrial commodities	315.7	322.6	322.6	323.2	323.8	323.9	323.3	322.2	323.4	323.8	323.0	323.2	322.5	322.6	323.8
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers *(1977 = 100)*	121.3	127.9	138.0	134.0	127.0	129.0	121.0	122.0	115.0	119.0	114.0	117.0	117.0	119.0	114.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. *(1967 = $1.000)*															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	335	321	324	323	322	321	319	318	317	317	317	316	315	314	312
Wholesale prices	330	322	321	321	321	321	322	323	323	322	323	323	323	324	323
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force *(1,000 workers)*	1,758.0	1,794.0	1,790.3	1,804.8	1,821.5	1,815.0	1,807.5	1,808.3	1,816.4	1,801.5	1,797.5	1,794.7	1,796.2	1,797.6	1,808.3
Unemployment	240.0	200.0	191.5	188.8	200.6	211.6	196.0	197.9	190.8	192.3	208.0	203.7	196.9	193.1	164.8
Unemployment rate	13.7	11.1	10.7	10.5	11.0	11.7	10.8	10.9	10.5	10.7	11.6	11.4	11.0	10.7	9.1
Employment	1,518.0	1,594.0	1,598.8	1,616.0	1,620.9	1,603.4	1,611.5	1,610.4	1,625.6	1,609.2	1,589.5	1,591.0	1,599.3	1,604.5	1,643.5
Nonagricultural	1,328.8	1,383.6	1,379.7	1,385.8	1,403.1	1,391.6	1,396.3	1,390.8	1,398.0	1,400.4	1,394.5	1,383.0	1,384.5	1,382.4	1,399.6
Manufacturing	340.9	358.5	361.4	363.1	367.2	358.8	364.6	358.3	360.5	358.8	349.0	352.1	352.6	344.2	352.2
Durable goods	159.2	173.5	173.4	174.6	177.1	175.7	176.7	176.0	175.5	175.2	173.6	172.8	173.8	173.6	174.6
Lumber and wood products	27.9	29.7	29.4	29.8	30.4	30.6	30.8	30.4	30.1	29.5	29.4	28.8	28.9	29.1	29.1
Stone, clay, glass products	8.7	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.2	8.8	8.4	9.0	9.1
Primary metals	24.8	26.4	26.6	26.9	27.0	26.5	26.9	26.5	26.2	26.6	26.3	26.4	26.2	26.1	26.2
Blast furn. and steel works	5.7	7.4	7.7	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.6	7.6
Iron and steel foundries	10.5	10.1	10.1	10.2	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.3	10.5
Fabricated metals	21.8	23.0	22.9	23.0	23.1	23.2	23.4	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.5	23.3	23.4
Machinery (excl. electrical)	15.1	17.7	17.6	17.7	18.0	18.0	17.9	18.1	17.8	18.0	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.5	18.4
Electrical, electronic equip.	21.5	23.2	22.9	23.1	23.5	23.3	23.3	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.6	22.9	23.1	22.7	22.8
Transportation	21.7	25.3	25.0	25.2	25.9	25.8	26.0	26.2	26.6	25.9	25.7	25.5	26.0	25.8	26.5
Other durable goods	17.7	19.5	20.0	19.9	20.2	19.3	19.3	19.2	19.4	19.7	19.2	18.9	19.0	19.1	19.1
Nondurable goods	181.7	184.9	188.0	188.5	190.1	183.1	187.9	182.3	185.0	183.6	175.4	179.3	178.8	170.6	177.6
Food	27.0	29.0	27.5	27.8	28.2	28.3	28.4	28.4	28.8	29.0	28.2	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.8
Textile mill products	39.1	39.3	40.8	40.7	40.2	38.5	39.8	37.7	37.8	37.5	36.9	36.6	35.9	35.3	36.3
Apparel	54.9	55.0	57.3	57.6	58.3	52.8	56.3	53.3	55.5	54.2	47.2	50.7	51.2	43.7	48.9
Paper and allied products	21.5	21.3	21.2	21.2	21.7	21.7	21.5	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.1	21.4	21.2	21.3	21.8
Printing and publishing	10.6	11.3	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.4	11.3	11.4	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.7
Chemicals and allied products	11.8	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.8	11.8
Rubber products	14.8	16.0	15.8	15.7	16.1	16.3	16.3	16.3	16.2	16.3	16.5	16.3	16.3	16.0	16.3
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.0
Nonmanufacturing	987.9	1,025.1	1,018.3	1,022.7	1,035.9	1,032.8	1,031.7	1,032.5	1,037.5	1,041.6	1,045.5	1,030.9	1,031.9	1,038.2	1,047.4
Mining and quarrying	13.7	14.4	14.2	14.3	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.2	14.6	14.7	14.7	15.0	14.9	15.0
Bituminous coal mining	10.3	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	9.6	10.0	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.5	10.6
Contract construction	59.8	64.5	62.8	64.2	66.8	67.4	67.4	67.9	66.2	65.2	66.6	63.7	62.3	65.7	67.3
Trans., comm., and utilities	69.7	72.1	71.5	72.3	73.4	72.7	73.2	72.5	72.7	72.5	72.4	71.4	71.4	72.0	72.5
Trade	273.3	290.3	285.4	287.7	291.3	292.1	295.2	296.3	296.2	299.9	302.5	292.5	289.7	290.6	293.4
Wholesale	70.1	73.6	72.8	73.1	74.3	74.8	74.8	74.7	74.7	75.0	74.9	74.1	73.6	73.9	73.9
Retail	203.1	216.7	212.6	214.6	217.0	217.3	220.4	221.6	221.5	224.9	227.6	218.4	216.1	216.7	219.5
Finance, insurance, real estate	59.9	62.6	61.9	62.2	63.0	63.5	63.4	63.2	63.2	63.5	63.8	63.8	63.9	64.3	64.7
Service and miscellaneous	218.9	227.5	228.6	228.3	229.6	228.6	228.6	228.9	229.8	228.6	228.7	228.6	230.0	230.8	232.3
Government	292.7	293.8	293.9	293.7	297.2	293.9	289.2	288.9	295.2	297.3	295.8	296.2	299.6	299.9	302.2
Federal	65.3	64.8	64.0	64.1	64.5	64.8	65.1	65.0	65.0	65.4	65.5	65.5	65.7	66.1	66.2
State and local	227.3	229.1	229.9	229.6	232.7	229.1	224.1	223.9	230.2	231.9	230.3	230.7	233.9	233.8	236.0

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984									1985			
	1983	1984	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	207,309	212,083	14,672	17,512	18,528	20,564	20,649	16,081	21,966	18,684	13,391	21,285	16,261	18,276	17,001
Nonagricultural placements	91,100	97,761	7,082	7,314	9,582	14,871	14,203	7,719	7,844	6,543	4,876	5,229	4,821	6,204	6,961
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	428,181	435,832	24,214	25,009	23,457	50,560	37,376	29,346	36,116	35,891	41,032	74,659	34,635	32,416	29,881
Payments *($1,000)*	191,868	172,593	11,949	13,048	12,192	13,536	15,564	12,258	13,716	14,253	16,158	21,274	16,520	15,977	13,782
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,590	15,670	15,650	15,740	15,790	15,620	15,640	15,780	15,800	16,070	15,920	15,910	15,880	15,910	16,000
	14.2	9.6	9.4	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.4	9.3	8.6	10.9	10.5	10.1	9.5	9.1	8.5
Baldwin	34,220	35,530	35,000	34,840	35,460	35,830	35,400	37,450	35,440	35,630	37,380	35,550	35,830	37,120	36,270
	12.1	10.9	9.7	8.6	8.9	10.0	9.3	14.8	8.9	9.7	14.7	9.9	10.1	12.8	8.7
Barbour	11,990	12,220	12,150	12,410	12,380	12,300	12,320	12,480	12,740	12,340	12,200	11,930	11,950	12,450	12,190
	13.1	10.5	9.1	9.0	9.6	10.3	9.7	10.9	12.7	10.7	12.4	13.2	12.3	16.2	10.1
Bibb	5,960	6,240	6,320	6,270	6,370	6,320	6,380	6,310	6,250	6,300	6,210	6,210	6,190	6,100	6,170
	19.5	16.6	17.2	16.1	14.5	14.5	16.7	14.3	13.0	15.6	19.9	19.9	16.6	12.9	11.7
Blount	16,860	16,760	16,710	16,610	16,710	16,990	16,450	16,520	16,640	16,690	16,990	17,070	16,620	16,570	16,640
	15.0	11.0	10.5	9.4	9.2	11.1	8.6	9.1	9.5	10.4	11.8	12.3	9.6	8.6	7.4
Bullock	4,600	4,520	4,360	4,500	4,580	4,560	4,670	4,730	4,980	4,730	4,500	4,330	4,350	4,310	4,490
	17.2	14.5	11.3	11.1	14.8	17.1	16.9	14.4	16.0	14.8	17.6	16.8	15.4	13.3	12.6
Butler	9,790	9,800	9,770	9,810	9,880	9,920	9,870	10,000	10,190	9,710	9,650	9,560	9,560	9,660	9,550
	17.4	13.8	12.7	12.7	14.0	15.1	14.4	13.1	13.4	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.9	16.1	11.6
Calhoun	46,220	47,500	47,070	47,360	47,830	48,570	48,190	47,840	48,210	48,110	48,020	47,960	48,150	47,830	47,930
	13.1	11.3	10.1	10.0	10.6	13.7	11.7	10.5	11.2	11.5	11.2	11.4	11.7	10.9	9.3
Chambers	16,750	16,500	16,880	16,940	16,890	16,870	16,570	16,380	16,200	15,930	15,960	16,050	16,340	16,240	16,570
	9.8	9.3	8.9	10.5	10.9	11.6	9.7	9.0	8.9	8.3	8.4	9.2	11.6	11.4	9.6
Cherokee	11,500	11,670	11,800	11,930	11,130	11,580	12,090	12,320	12,290	11,620	11,080	11,000	11,090	11,010	11,150
	15.2	14.0	10.7	10.9	18.7	18.1	8.7	8.3	16.1	15.6	15.8	16.7	16.6	17.1	12.6
Chilton	15,530	16,180	16,200	16,510	16,290	16,020	16,070	15,950	16,030	15,980	15,520	15,840	15,780	15,730	16,040
	13.1	11.3	10.8	10.5	11.2	11.8	11.7	10.9	11.3	13.1	12.8	14.4	13.3	12.2	11.4
Choctaw	5,510	5,790	5,750	6,000	5,790	5,810	5,730	6,050	5,850	5,820	5,930	5,780	5,870	6,060	5,880
	15.1	16.3	12.8	13.8	14.1	18.4	14.4	22.4	18.6	15.1	22.9	16.0	16.2	23.2	13.8
Clarke	10,750	10,630	10,540	10,640	10,690	10,880	10,600	10,810	10,400	10,540	10,550	10,420	10,560	10,370	10,240
	16.2	14.3	12.2	12.7	12.9	15.0	13.1	19.8	12.9	14.0	18.7	11.9	12.8	16.5	9.9
Clay	7,360	7,580	7,590	7,760	7,600	7,560	7,740	7,740	7,670	7,610	7,580	7,530	7,360	7,600	7,370
	14.0	10.9	10.1	10.8	11.7	12.0	11.7	10.5	8.6	9.7	12.8	10.0	10.8	13.9	9.8
Cleburne	5,160	5,250	5,180	5,220	5,270	5,490	5,170	5,240	5,310	5,320	5,310	5,340	5,360	5,440	5,530
	12.5	10.2	8.6	8.6	10.5	14.2	10.0	8.1	8.2	11.7	12.0	11.6	12.7	15.4	12.1
Coffee	19,830	20,210	20,020	20,470	20,510	20,450	20,350	20,410	20,900	20,250	19,890	19,730	19,930	20,140	20,270
	10.9	8.4	7.7	8.2	8.2	8.7	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.3	7.7	7.8	8.2	6.5
Colbert	23,700	23,920	24,190	24,030	24,430	24,200	24,130	24,080	23,810	23,920	23,880	23,760	24,250	23,940	24,030
	18.7	16.4	17.2	16.1	16.2	16.7	15.4	15.2	14.7	15.5	16.6	16.8	18.0	16.3	14.8
Conecuh	6,970	7,210	7,060	7,290	7,160	7,170	7,060	7,680	7,420	7,350	7,650	7,280	7,290	7,580	7,340
	12.7	11.8	10.8	10.1	10.9	11.5	9.6	14.7	10.5	10.6	15.3	11.2	10.3	13.9	9.6
Coosa	5,500	5,600	5,550	5,590	5,570	5,540	5,620	5,770	5,710	5,700	5,690	5,830	5,670	5,820	5,770
	10.3	8.0	7.6	6.9	8.4	8.1	8.6	9.1	7.2	8.0	8.4	10.4	9.4	8.7	6.3
Covington	16,350	16,370	16,390	16,490	16,470	16,390	16,470	16,250	16,520	16,090	16,360	17,060	16,680	16,440	16,380
	12.2	9.9	9.7	9.0	9.2	10.6	9.4	8.0	8.9	8.6	10.8	15.1	12.6	13.3	10.1
Crenshaw	7,210	7,460	7,490	7,760	7,550	7,390	7,510	7,950	7,840	7,440	7,340	6,990	7,060	7,330	7,330
	12.1	11.0	9.5	10.3	9.8	10.3	9.5	16.0	8.0	9.1	16.7	10.3	10.3	17.0	8.0
Cullman	28,590	29,550	29,540	29,890	29,840	29,670	30,220	30,070	30,600	29,960	29,470	30,020	29,690	29,500	29,720
	14.7	11.5	10.4	9.7	10.3	11.0	12.3	9.6	10.4	12.3	13.9	15.3	13.3	11.1	9.7
Dale	22,200	22,740	22,880	23,040	23,070	22,850	22,690	22,960	23,210	22,920	22,640	22,630	22,810	23,630	23,300
	9.5	7.7	7.8	7.5	7.7	8.7	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.2	6.9	6.8	7.1	10.7	6.8
Dallas	23,290	23,130	22,970	23,110	23,490	23,430	23,660	23,510	23,690	23,250	23,140	23,160	23,160	23,050	22,920
	17.6	15.7	15.1	14.3	15.4	16.3	16.9	16.0	16.5	16.0	15.8	15.4	15.2	14.2	12.8
DeKalb	29,870	30,830	30,760	31,290	31,700	32,030	31,660	31,050	31,330	30,940	30,670	30,670	30,530	30,660	30,850
	13.8	10.8	10.2	9.9	10.5	10.9	9.5	9.7	10.2	10.9	12.4	12.6	12.3	12.0	10.9
Elmore	20,620	20,770	20,770	21,020	21,130	20,890	20,900	20,940	21,020	20,910	20,810	20,960	21,170	21,270	21,510
	12.2	7.7	7.6	7.7	7.9	7.8	7.3	7.5	7.0	7.4	7.4	7.7	8.2	8.0	7.9
Escambia	17,440	18,110	17,980	18,220	18,470	18,270	18,140	18,610	18,100	18,270	18,360	18,070	17,910	17,990	18,010
	12.5	12.1	10.6	11.1	10.6	10.8	10.1	16.9	10.3	11.8	17.0	11.0	9.5	15.1	8.8
Etowah	42,290	42,610	42,410	42,270	42,710	43,080	43,190	43,200	43,020	42,890	42,870	42,270	42,210	41,870	41,980
	17.4	13.4	13.0	11.9	12.1	13.7	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.9	14.7	14.3	14.0	13.0	11.2
Fayette	10,100	10,440	10,460	10,550	10,460	10,390	10,570	10,580	10,570	10,610	10,440	10,510	10,500	10,620	10,540
	11.7	9.5	8.6	8.2	8.7	9.8	10.1	8.9	10.3	10.5	12.2	14.6	13.7	17.4	12.8
Franklin	14,110	14,830	14,950	15,090	15,200	15,340	14,930	14,520	14,610	14,550	14,560	14,420	14,580	14,280	14,290
	18.2	18.6	17.5	17.1	15.6	20.8	17.3	16.2	15.7	17.9	18.9	20.5	20.2	15.3	13.8
Geneva	11,360	11,740	11,620	11,940	12,220	12,060	11,740	11,920	12,370	11,900	11,560	11,620	11,660	12,260	12,010
	10.4	8.2	8.1	7.6	7.5	9.4	7.2	6.8	8.3	8.3	8.9	10.6	9.2	22.5	8.7
Greene	4,650	4,760	4,730	4,690	4,820	4,800	4,840	4,910	4,880	4,750	4,740	4,660	4,780	4,780	4,660
	16.6	17.1	15.8	14.7	15.3	15.7	15.8	18.3	17.0	17.4	20.8	20.2	21.9	21.6	16.1
Hale	5,340	5,480	5,480	5,530	5,490	5,630	5,480	5,580	5,590	5,490	5,480	5,290	5,320	5,340	5,340
	16.5	17.1	16.0	14.6	16.5	20.6	17.3	16.7	14.8	16.3	18.3	16.9	16.7	15.7	12.9
Henry	7,240	7,290	7,290	7,590	7,400	7,250	7,320	7,580	7,750	7,480	7,150	7,090	7,160	7,390	7,520
	11.2	9.4	8.1	8.3	9.0	10.4	9.7	9.6	9.0	10.3	10.2	13.4	13.2	14.3	11.2
Houston	35,860	36,540	36,480	37,040	37,110	36,930	36,460	36,860	37,340	37,050	36,620	36,730	36,900	36,940	37,280
	11.3	9.0	8.4	8.9	9.1	10.5	8.5	8.5	8.8	9.1	8.8	9.1	9.1	9.5	7.7
Jackson	20,680	19,790	20,060	19,920	19,700	20,260	19,550	19,420	19,710	19,840	19,840	19,240	19,350	19,520	19,730
	22.1	16.8	15.5	14.3	15.5	21.3	15.4	14.0	14.1	14.7	19.3	14.8	15.2	15.1	14.1
Jefferson	302,570	303,510	304,620	305,490	309,490	308,440	305,990	304,420	305,220	300,770	301,180	300,140	301,670	301,150	304,610
	13.1	9.8	10.0	9.7	10.1	10.1	9.8	9.5	9.5	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.6	7.8	7.2
Lamar	8,860	9,340	9,320	9,410	9,550	9,490	9,320	9,410	9,480	9,530	9,460	9,520	9,620	9,600	9,680
	9.7	7.3	6.5	7.1	8.5	8.8	7.4	7.0	6.5	7.2	7.1	8.0	8.7	8.6	7.3
Lauderdale	35,050	35,600	35,530	35,540	36,270	36,170	36,140	35,930	35,880	35,660	35,060	35,300	34,980	34,750	34,730
	16.6	14.8	14.6	13.9	14.4	15.5	14.4	13.9	14.2	14.0	13.8	15.1	13.8	12.5	10.6
Lawrence	14,340	13,450	13,670	13,810	13,600	13,510	13,400	13,390	13,470	13,330	13,010	13,230	13,220	13,030	13,200
	18.8	15.1	15.8	15.6	14.6	15.2	13.7	13.5	13.0	14.6	14.8	15.3	15.3	12.1	11.5
Lee	35,870	38,470	38,470	39,050	39,530	38,290	38,310	37,820	38,820	39,080	38,850	39,030	39,190	39,130	39,370
	8.4	6.5	6.2	6.1	7.6	7.4	7.3	6.9	6.8	6.1	5.7	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.6
Limestone	19,310	20,230	20,140	20,400	20,170	20,060	20,130	20,650	21,100	20,830	20,740	20,810	21,160	21,340	21,860
	14.1	10.8	11.1	10.3	10.7	11.4	11.0	10.0	9.6	9.2	10.4	10.8	11.4	9.5	7.9
Lowndes	5,190	5,090	5,070	5,150	5,160	5,110	5,150	5,180	5,150	5,190	5,070	4,890	4,920	4,950	5,030
	17.9	18.3	20.1	18.4	19.3	20.4	19.9	18.9	17.1	16.4	16.7	16.9	17.5	16.4	16.0
Macon	7,950	8,150	7,960	8,040	8,390	8,360	8,310	8,070	8,540	8,300	8,210	8,220	8,340	8,380	8,470
	13.6	11.1	10.0	9.6	13.9	13.8	13.6	11.6	10.6	9.5	9.4	10.3	10.2	9.3	8.8
Madison	109,350	117,780	115,640	117,260	119,290	118,900	119,890	119,640	121,170	120,430	120,830	122,530	121,450	121,250	122,770
	8.5	7.1	7.1	6.8	7.2	7.3	6.6	6.3	6.8	6.3	6.7	7.9	6.6	6.0	5.8
Marengo	9,800	9,720	9,470	9,670	9,800	10,000	9,760	10,250	9,960	9,720	9,930	9,530	9,520	9,830	9,520
	15.5	14.2	12.2	12.0	13.3	15.7	12.3	20.0	13.9	12.3	18.8	13.3	14.4	19.1	11.2
Marion	13,700	13,580	13,520	13,630	13,770	13,810	13,680	13,530	13,710	13,620	13,750	14,000	13,610	13,440	13,450
	19.4	14.9	13.5	12.0	11.5	13.4	14.7	14.0	15.4	16.5	19.6	21.6	17.9	17.2	16.4
Marshall	31,080	33,050	33,010	33,400	33,460	33,720	33,060	33,120	33,390	32,900	33,560	33,140	32,930	32,690	32,970
	14.4	12.6	[illegible]	10.7	11.5	16.1	11.3	10.8	10.7	10.8	17.9	14.3	12.3	10.5	9.1
Mobile	162,590	164,730	164,630	165,770	168,260	167,720	167,210	164,480	166,680	165,400	164,050	164,810	164,440	164,180	166,910
	15.9	12.6	12.7	12.7	12.7	12.6	12.7	11.8	11.9	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.0	10.4	9.8

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984									1985			
	1983	1984	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	10,670	11,140	10,940	10,830	11,010	10,900	10,950	12,520	11,050	11,170	11,940	10,790	10,730	11,160	10,810
	12.6	16.2	12.1	10.2	12.7	12.5	11.9	32.7	13.2	14.4	31.2	13.9	12.8	29.3	11.6
Montgomery	92,990	96,610	96,410	97,250	98,700	97,650	97,560	97,000	98,200	97,130	96,920	97,010	96,860	97,080	97,820
	10.5	8.8	8.5	8.3	9.4	9.3	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.3	7.7	7.3	6.9
Morgan	37,910	38,870	39,280	39,640	40,140	39,680	39,200	39,070	38,880	38,390	38,300	38,560	38,550	38,350	38,890
	14.5	17.5	11.6	11.2	11.7	11.9	11.0	11.2	10.9	10.8	10.6	11.7	11.1	9.4	8.9
Perry	5,850	5,820	5,680	5,770	5,920	5,890	5,970	5,990	6,030	6,130	6,010	5,900	5,780	5,830	5,920
	14.8	13.3	10.4	10.0	10.9	12.1	11.8	10.8	10.0	16.4	21.2	18.8	11.9	11.7	10.6
Pickens	7,510	7,080	7,040	7,200	7,270	7,170	7,140	7,030	7,070	7,000	6,900	6,960	7,110	7,000	7,130
	18.0	15.9	15.3	17.3	16.2	16.3	15.9	13.8	13.8	16.7	16.8	17.0	18.4	15.8	15.4
Pike	13,680	13,560	13,550	13,690	13,670	13,440	13,680	13,470	14,570	13,800	13,060	13,770	13,820	14,000	14,310
	13.7	10.1	9.5	9.0	10.1	10.4	10.2	10.3	8.7	8.7	10.7	8.7	8.2	8.6	7.8
Randolph	9,060	8,790	8,610	8,740	8,780	9,160	8,770	8,720	8,930	8,790	8,590	8,680	8,830	8,670	8,730
	17.9	14.9	13.2	13.3	14.4	22.2	17.0	15.7	14.1	12.0	10.7	11.6	18.1	10.7	10.0
Russell	18,120	19,290	18,830	19,090	20,460	19,650	19,310	19,040	19,190	20,070	19,480	19,950	19,160	19,220	19,470
	13.7	12.9	11.3	11.8	17.1	13.4	10.9	10.8	11.1	14.7	12.3	14.7	12.4	12.1	11.8
St. Clair	19,240	19,400	19,290	19,260	19,490	19,350	19,370	19,750	19,460	19,670	19,910	20,100	20,030	19,750	19,460
	14.2	11.5	10.8	10.1	10.4	10.1	10.8	12.4	10.9	12.5	13.4	14.3	13.6	11.7	8.9
Shelby	31,300	31,910	31,780	32,170	32,780	32,640	32,170	31,760	31,990	31,940	31,650	31,640	31,830	32,100	32,280
	12.1	10.3	9.7	10.3	11.2	11.2	10.3	9.3	9.7	10.2	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	8.4
Sumter	6,920	7,250	7,560	7,360	7,470	7,220	7,070	7,270	7,470	7,180	7,220	7,160	7,080	7,020	7,110
	14.3	11.5	12.3	9.9	12.8	13.3	12.7	10.7	10.1	11.5	13.5	13.5	12.7	14.0	11.7
Talladega	31,560	31,150	31,050	31,150	31,970	31,250	31,530	32,230	30,750	31,360	31,140	31,230	31,500	31,070	30,900
	17.2	15.8	14.7	14.3	16.1	15.5	16.7	20.8	14.3	16.9	16.9	18.3	18.8	16.6	13.8
Tallapoosa	16,600	17,300	17,350	17,370	17,850	17,780	17,810	17,290	17,290	17,160	17,010	17,120	17,050	17,080	17,170
	12.1	9.4	8.7	8.4	9.6	10.0	10.4	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.6	11.4	10.6	11.9	9.2
Tuscaloosa	56,310	58,150	58,580	59,210	58,230	57,550	58,040	58,450	58,940	58,770	58,670	57,840	59,050	58,900	59,340
	12.4	9.6	9.1	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	8.7	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.7	7.3
Walker	32,400	32,560	32,170	32,380	32,440	32,410	32,240	32,110	32,340	33,040	33,830	33,630	33,390	33,340	33,270
	16.3	13.3	12.1	12.2	11.6	11.8	11.8	11.5	12.0	14.4	16.3	15.9	14.9	14.1	12.4
Washington	6,330	6,490	6,450	6,680	6,460	6,620	6,410	6,730	6,670	6,450	6,380	6,280	6,160	6,270	6,090
	20.0	18.1	15.6	18.7	17.6	21.5	18.2	20.8	18.8	16.9	19.4	17.8	15.9	17.0	13.0
Wilcox	5,870	5,480	5,420	5,580	5,800	5,680	5,620	5,530	5,540	5,370	5,190	5,070	5,470	5,210	5,280
	20.2	15.3	15.3	15.7	15.9	16.7	15.3	14.7	14.2	13.5	13.3	12.4	22.0	14.7	13.3
Winston	9,030	9,260	9,200	9,410	9,290	9,080	9,060	9,060	9,460	9,370	9,530	9,420	9,340	9,040	8,980
	18.7	19.6	17.5	18.6	16.5	17.4	17.5	17.1	20.5	21.1	24.4	25.6	23.4	19.3	16.7
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	643,182	726,362	72,261	83,186	44,217	90,034	54,364	68,859	64,093	41,830	62,625	64,445	72,680	......	......
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	6,288	9,484	718	905	769	988	1,019	1,032	971	477	1,282	1,044	1,029	......	......
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	788,611	622,949	32,516	60,118	47,488	31,808	44,217	42,139	62,763	80,528	65,538	59,759	38,630	......	......
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	9,496	21,911	2,096	1,930	1,915	1,292	2,293	1,719	2,353	1,892	1,739	2,201	2,398	......	......
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[a] *(1,000 tons)*	34,916	38,790	3,110	3,266	3,413	3,307	3,549	3,362	3,445	3,524	3,262	3,151	3,083	3,028	3,279
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,017	24,285	1,604	1,607	1,868	2,445	2,384	2,339	1,861	1,785	1,911	2,108	2,400	1,733	1,617
Gasoline sales[a] *(1,000 gallons)*	1,861,406	1,905,267	162,606	162,470	161,968	163,798	168,845	150,779	163,960	157,127	158,793	156,773	133,925	155,025	......
New passenger car registrations[11] *(number)*	122,393	141,896	11,616	13,890	12,648	12,806	12,579	10,981	11,452	11,547	11,757	10,748	10,403	13,107	12,522
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals[11] *($1,000,000)*															
Food	......	3,648	305	301	303	311	309	310	304	304	328	309	291	315	304
General stores with food and gas	......	175	15	15	16	15	15	15	15	15	15	13	12	15	15
General merchandise	......	2,382	191	191	196	176	190	181	185	238	356	161	150	198	210
Apparel	......	568	52	45	47	41	48	45	46	52	76	38	35	52	49
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	......	544	43	44	45	47	46	43	46	49	56	44	39	48	43
Automotive	......	3,085	259	281	283	269	281	243	258	245	241	232	242	297	285
Gasoline service stations	......	296	25	26	26	26	26	24	26	23	25	24	22	25	24
Lumber and building materials	......	890	77	81	82	79	80	79	81	76	66	58	54	78	85
Hardware and farm implements	......	427	39	40	40	38	38	37	37	35	31	29	28	38	41
Eating places	......	1,292	103	104	106	112	117	110	109	107	119	99	95	117	108
Drug stores	......	264	21	24	25	19	21	20	20	21	29	26	22	20	21
All other retail	......	2,162	175	176	181	169	185	179	182	190	245	175	156	181	177
Total sales by retail concerns	......	15,732	1,304	1,330	1,355	1,301	1,356	1,288	1,308	1,355	1,586	1,207	1,148	1,386	1,362
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	......	2,618	214	229	228	219	228	230	226	214	240	180	173	207	219
Total all sales at retail	......	18,350	1,518	1,558	1,582	1,520	1,585	1,518	1,534	1,569	1,826	1,387	1,320	1,593	1,581
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties[11] *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	......	507,798	42,273	43,102	43,687	41,934	42,706	41,649	43,342	43,901	50,016	37,362	35,954	43,271	44,117
Birmingham	......	5,033,275	417,135	429,656	434,040	416,003	441,462	424,801	419,270	424,799	490,210	384,959	369,909	444,156	439,721
Dothan	......	643,363	52,862	56,012	57,229	53,804	54,947	50,937	54,544	54,309	63,754	47,979	47,713	54,406	54,814
Florence	......	612,787	51,028	51,571	52,275	51,046	52,215	49,322	51,858	52,829	64,675	43,798	40,870	52,148	53,538
Gadsden	......	459,479	38,366	38,952	39,527	41,831	41,119	37,104	38,486	37,081	44,501	33,189	31,233	38,320	39,021
Huntsville	......	1,049,536	85,699	88,103	89,286	86,598	89,902	84,843	87,092	92,277	108,857	78,848	76,191	91,300	93,642
Mobile	......	2,102,419	177,432	179,754	185,901	179,492	184,200	170,712	173,695	175,131	203,092	157,679	149,488	177,941	176,106
Montgomery	......	1,429,680	117,041	122,707	124,747	119,646	122,069	117,379	116,447	124,751	146,078	107,892	105,682	124,890	122,395
Tuscaloosa	......	631,309	50,684	52,066	53,322	51,062	55,374	53,490	53,170	53,089	64,760	47,057	47,070	55,165	54,455
Counties															
Autauga	......	96,658	8,238	8,137	8,431	8,420	8,216	8,064	7,966	8,239	9,249	7,457	7,883	8,828	8,944
Baldwin	......	341,674	28,689	30,046	30,896	31,162	31,427	28,089	28,121	27,836	30,524	24,734	24,403	30,113	29,248
Barbour	......	71,570	5,893	6,202	6,334	6,188	6,656	5,584	6,080	6,162	6,858	5,601	5,227	6,119	6,143
Bibb	......	41,386	3,314	3,674	3,711	3,266	3,621	3,269	3,500	3,782	4,200	2,991	3,045	3,480	3,386
Blount	......	89,039	7,154	7,750	7,927	7,471	8,243	7,349	7,952	7,453	8,581	6,934	6,790	8,034	8,139
Bullock	......	25,652	2,123	1,977	2,001	2,014	2,106	2,178	1,851	2,119	2,891	2,137	2,081	2,059	1,953
Butler	......	65,563	5,554	5,370	5,473	5,667	5,679	5,723	5,146	5,515	5,858	5,085	4,601	5,456	5,190
Calhoun	......	507,798	42,273	43,102	43,687	41,934	42,706	41,649	43,342	43,901	50,016	37,362	35,954	43,271	44,117
Chambers	......	107,006	9,079	9,382	8,917	8,913	8,922	8,447	9,082	9,187	9,895	8,244	7,540	9,035	8,860
Cherokee	......	47,891	4,128	4,340	4,432	3,861	4,172	3,756	4,014	3,798	4,397	3,740	3,412	4,087	4,444
Chilton	......	99,785	8,267	8,494	8,634	8,029	8,510	8,074	8,747	8,799	10,151	7,496	7,792	9,302	9,087
Choctaw	......	36,636	3,039	2,925	3,007	3,098	3,197	2,845	2,916	3,086	3,566	3,112	2,613	2,968	2,873
Clarke	......	98,644	8,615	7,937	8,061	7,671	8,821	8,257	8,669	8,799	10,071	7,889	7,747	8,711	8,847
Clay	......	26,407	2,220	2,243	2,285	2,172	2,267	2,194	2,171	2,231	2,569	2,010	1,938	2,109	2,224
Cleburne	......	22,175	1,951	1,986	2,000	2,093	1,897	1,756	1,868	1,710	1,680	1,586	1,375	1,909	2,288
Coffee	......	185,553	16,213	16,490	16,275	14,951	15,276	14,579	14,317	14,961	17,770	13,736	13,676	15,462	16,165

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984									1985			
	1983	1984	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert	......	249,846	21,051	21,733	22,031	21,515	21,620	20,081	20,916	20,465	23,832	17,382	17,155	21,054	21,563
Conecuh	......	37,496	3,132	3,080	3,034	2,968	2,862	4,323	2,822	2,973	3,633	2,746	2,682	3,142	2,854
Coosa	......	8,925	717	700	671	760	826	813	842	828	898	784	759	796	752
Covington	......	136,931	11,558	11,618	11,836	11,258	12,007	11,061	11,336	10,909	13,071	9,808	9,766	11,348	11,332
Crenshaw	......	30,733	2,540	2,533	2,581	2,466	2,348	2,179	2,666	3,077	3,155	2,539	2,505	2,964	2,977
Cullman	......	237,581	20,050	20,201	20,046	20,008	19,898	19,142	21,055	20,363	23,421	16,815	16,121	21,332	20,968
Dale	......	104,901	8,492	8,857	8,984	8,944	8,834	8,908	8,759	9,020	10,683	7,834	8,096	9,640	9,482
Dallas	......	199,113	16,519	17,279	17,387	16,277	16,467	16,192	17,137	17,227	19,635	15,385	14,153	16,725	16,849
DeKalb	......	180,369	14,711	15,556	15,868	14,959	15,492	14,942	15,254	15,823	17,560	12,327	11,459	15,259	15,516
Elmore	......	101,996	8,221	8,865	9,047	8,624	9,008	8,778	8,138	8,345	9,827	7,642	7,837	9,204	9,220
Escambia	......	141,753	12,450	11,746	11,940	11,383	11,532	11,279	12,263	11,879	14,710	10,566	10,373	11,916	12,385
Etowah	......	459,479	38,366	38,952	39,527	41,831	41,119	37,104	38,486	37,081	44,501	33,189	31,233	38,320	39,021
Fayette	......	64,908	5,400	5,683	5,755	4,967	5,280	5,730	5,116	5,079	6,385	4,370	4,572	5,221	4,684
Franklin	......	99,517	8,430	8,434	8,631	8,147	8,527	8,174	8,022	8,784	9,789	7,807	7,137	13,188	8,358
Geneva	......	144,817	12,075	12,455	12,504	11,657	11,908	11,847	11,669	12,646	13,662	11,358	11,253	12,042	12,165
Greene	......	18,306	1,492	1,614	1,639	2,062	1,611	1,388	1,509	1,397	1,479	1,231	1,075	1,337	1,423
Hale	......	31,288	2,573	2,805	2,854	2,528	2,783	2,601	2,522	2,509	2,712	2,497	2,189	2,681	2,501
Henry	......	35,727	3,011	2,956	3,011	2,953	2,999	3,280	2,790	3,225	3,684	3,330	2,853	2,968	3,180
Houston	......	538,462	44,370	47,155	48,245	44,860	46,113	42,029	45,785	45,289	53,071	40,145	39,617	44,766	45,332
Jackson	......	136,553	10,919	11,322	11,636	11,259	12,662	11,330	12,094	12,165	13,526	10,274	10,309	12,669	11,805
Jefferson	......	4,278,740	355,203	363,040	366,657	351,947	374,467	362,226	355,253	361,074	420,452	324,781	314,264	375,957	370,927
Lamar	......	37,907	3,127	3,428	3,472	3,128	3,078	2,963	2,952	3,153	3,217	2,802	2,445	3,230	3,111
Lauderdale	......	362,941	29,977	29,838	30,244	29,531	30,595	29,241	30,942	32,364	40,843	26,416	23,715	31,094	31,975
Lawrence	......	51,746	4,216	4,589	4,677	4,108	4,442	4,238	4,404	4,548	5,267	3,834	3,741	4,549	4,617
Lee	......	346,609	28,452	29,222	29,605	28,061	29,073	29,673	29,364	30,575	34,909	25,241	24,525	29,866	30,314
Limestone	......	161,472	13,573	14,100	14,358	13,124	13,888	13,414	13,103	13,968	15,810	12,216	12,223	14,730	14,781
Lowndes	......	16,836	1,380	1,462	1,480	1,336	1,366	1,372	1,431	1,407	1,788	1,422	1,564	1,743	1,137
Macon	......	45,104	3,654	3,760	3,838	3,770	4,291	4,001	3,661	3,636	3,982	3,650	2,919	3,365	3,445
Madison	......	1,049,536	85,699	88,103	89,286	86,598	89,902	84,843	87,092	92,277	108,857	78,848	76,191	91,300	93,642
Marengo	......	69,337	5,439	5,510	5,634	5,465	5,847	5,488	5,903	6,440	7,228	6,062	5,333	5,979	5,994
Marion	......	95,309	7,474	7,926	8,139	7,813	7,998	7,852	7,633	8,331	10,053	7,627	6,601	8,335	8,503
Marshall	......	339,406	28,112	29,289	29,820	28,261	29,634	28,249	28,412	29,520	33,451	25,127	24,616	31,199	32,415
Mobile	......	1,760,745	148,743	149,709	155,005	148,330	152,773	142,623	145,574	147,295	172,568	132,945	125,085	147,828	146,858
Monroe	......	102,725	7,767	7,711	7,937	7,721	9,954	9,190	8,969	11,484	10,934	6,091	5,993	8,238	7,392
Montgomery	......	1,231,026	100,582	105,705	107,269	102,602	104,845	100,537	100,343	108,167	127,002	92,793	89,962	106,858	104,231
Morgan	......	452,907	37,603	38,551	39,123	36,426	38,736	38,007	38,346	40,549	47,149	32,692	31,713	40,304	43,088
Perry	......	25,163	2,028	2,148	2,171	2,096	2,313	2,378	2,165	1,998	2,163	1,755	1,778	2,060	2,030
Pickens	......	41,341	3,625	3,639	3,693	3,451	3,567	3,319	3,596	3,300	3,775	2,793	2,858	3,484	3,593
Pike	......	90,699	7,349	7,582	7,501	7,154	7,896	7,633	8,020	7,762	8,987	7,646	6,516	7,585	7,258
Randolph	......	57,905	4,443	4,792	4,861	4,674	4,447	4,674	4,794	5,187	5,351	5,503	4,531	5,229	4,649
Russell	......	121,345	9,962	10,380	10,404	10,384	10,772	10,004	10,337	10,108	11,823	9,086	8,641	10,146	10,869
St. Clair	......	120,985	9,984	10,753	10,936	10,100	10,278	10,194	10,527	9,515	10,819	9,024	9,330	11,646	11,602
Shelby	......	253,334	20,805	22,707	22,939	21,957	23,310	20,983	21,059	20,984	21,847	21,122	18,029	22,797	22,352
Sumter	......	30,980	2,563	2,410	2,508	2,530	2,556	2,434	2,610	2,890	3,107	2,488	2,255	2,555	2,629
Talladega	......	240,089	20,366	22,808	21,292	20,634	19,735	18,618	19,191	20,112	23,681	18,159	17,309	20,251	20,362
Tallapoosa	......	127,475	11,075	11,410	11,589	10,720	10,386	9,840	10,119	10,767	11,804	9,518	8,739	10,565	10,625
Tuscaloosa	......	631,309	50,684	52,066	53,322	51,062	55,374	53,490	53,170	53,083	64,760	47,057	47,070	55,165	54,455
Walker	......	291,177	23,989	25,406	25,581	24,528	25,164	24,049	24,479	25,773	28,511	23,098	21,496	25,722	26,701
Washington	......	21,464	1,825	1,931	1,971	1,695	2,022	1,791	1,898	1,630	1,786	1,498	1,582	1,669	1,643
Wilcox	......	27,999	2,249	2,406	2,468	2,356	2,313	2,227	2,290	2,189	2,605	2,115	2,035	2,180	1,961
Winston	......	71,264	6,159	6,434	6,439	5,736	6,070	5,991	5,652	5,922	6,686	5,524	5,110	6,690	6,381
Statewide	......	973,354	77,105	75,661	77,971	76,374	82,108	83,089	86,131	86,070	106,966	79,842	64,957	82,910	77,443
BUILDING PERMITS															
Alabama															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	1,079,085	1,258,032	193,079	97,366	115,116	99,776	47,117	80,497	84,514	95,153	105,139	60,081	65,750	123,177	108,071
Residential	449,881	438,383	46,811	38,102	43,568	36,909	42,389	33,332	36,966	36,682	20,874	25,969	28,712	45,287	52,029
Nonresidential	366,127	586,743	130,709	42,724	53,582	44,597	79,263	27,171	29,249	36,821	66,040	21,592	26,887	60,384	41,663
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	8,848	8,869	788	915	842	833	749	694	737	669	613	659	627	826	844
Residential	3,593	3,530	317	408	324	322	317	248	256	255	263	258	272	384	329
Nonresidential	932	1,213	113	117	139	104	92	90	95	93	76	111	73	96	110
Birmingham															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	213,343	104,141	7,619	5,562	8,258	8,169	14,214	10,005	5,797	12,365	13,105	5,535	11,188	14,508	10,021
Residential	81,921	15,598	2,551	814	1,299	763	1,285	1,271	1,076	963	802	773	1,241	1,301	1,615
Nonresidential	108,370	25,706	90	768	2,963	2,369	1,967	3,606	4,675	1,568	5,114	2,057	2,717	8,457	8,406
Decatur															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	14,095	18,028	1,106	1,520	1,342	1,909	2,170	1,767	1,920	1,720	1,476	1,444	1,133	1,939	2,051
Residential	7,340	11,596	739	1,096	925	1,080	1,357	1,053	1,142	1,052	897	814	570	1,138	1,189
Nonresidential	2,156	2,744	139	172	171	355	429	318	347	294	249	83	226	398	402
Dothan															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	18,943	17,520	1,353	1,326	1,514	901	1,599	1,344	1,857	2,461	1,458	967	886	830	2,986
Residential	7,760	6,718	695	448	759	182	226	370	670	1,405	203	324	432	399	556
Nonresidential	6,339	5,478	518	238	257	125	641	666	860	680	483	58	118	46	2,098
Gadsden															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	13,596	9,316	565	1,351	865	166	260	886	2,546	1,057	215	123	288	964	241
Residential	2,006	2,129	347	976	219	26	74	46	53	128	......	56	103	462	......
Nonresidential	3,912	5,826	163	122	493	101	143	813	2,331	894	188	40	141	474	144
Huntsville															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	122,759	147,927	8,111	13,997	13,853	14,007	14,163	6,626	8,187	13,808	19,407	6,178	6,268	24,795	15,973
Residential	51,350	55,064	4,843	3,753	6,032	3,331	6,078	2,825	2,982	8,817	1,593	2,863	1,440	3,194	2,683
Nonresidential	45,128	73,370	2,413	8,366	5,970	9,394	6,045	3,339	3,835	3,266	15,945	2,668	2,755	18,064	11,107
Mobile															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	109,508	254,605	116,254	6,250	36,928	6,707	4,020	6,484	10,322	10,320	31,156	7,730	4,770	6,892	5,991
Residential	38,261	26,314	2,639	2,009	6,935	3,208	1,071	1,201	2,636	1,673	1,065	1,478	1,738	1,234	1,372
Nonresidential	49,663	197,690	112,221	3,331	28,665	2,127	1,153	3,886	2,288	7,264	28,688	5,120	2,165	4,458	3,185

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984									1985			
	1983	1984	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	76,984	94,862	6,330	6,994	7,007	8,192	8,070	7,254	8,188	11,037	6,049	6,554	6,027	8,624	9,126
Residential	32,619	35,697	2,509	2,493	2,528	3,504	3,361	2,991	3,262	5,463	2,557	2,140	3,036	3,836	4,096
Nonresidential	28,264	46,198	2,496	3,043	3,059	3,719	3,896	3,407	4,000	5,193	2,843	3,750	2,321	3,960	4,060
Quad-Cities[12]															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	12,978	39,267	2,443	4,910	1,260	2,227	1,799	2,246	1,917	800	12,947	691	532	1,416	2,138
Residential	6,391	7,172	700	792	323	633	721	533	430	381	126	351	177	704	606
Nonresidential	3,[illegible]36	23,675	1,079	3,887	614	1,265	160	196	323	178	12,150	48	51	379	442
Selma															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	4,197	7,002	1,019	356	158	994	184	819	593	309	312	36	109	184	73
Residential	357	643	87	82	117	148	75		76	35		36	109	184	73
Nonresidential	798	1,908	717	35	…	7	…	617	4	188	167	…	…	…	…
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	30,159	34,459	1,804	4,323	4,183	1,719	2,805	2,463	2,228	3,713	3,739	1,420	7,960	3,678	8,403
Residential	14,849	15,717	988	2,153	1,284	737	1,634	1,356	789	1,268	1,218	693	4,328	2,792	6,726
Nonresidential	6,227	10,707	277	1,529	1,901	615	360	552	1,145	664	2,029	100	2,933	493	876

NOTE. Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. — Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[1] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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[3] End-of-month balance.

[4] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date, it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[5] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[6] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[7] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[8] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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[10] Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the *Census of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

[11] Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

[12] Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

Steve Fowler leaves CBER

The Center for Business and Economic Research regrets very much the resignation of Mr. Steve Fowler. Steve served as Research Associate and as Editor for the Center since January, 1981. His contributions to the Center have been significant. Alabama Business represents only one of the many projects to which Steve's very capable talents were displayed. Steve deserved and received the respect of all his colleagues. His dedication, talent, and pleasant personality will be greatly missed. The CBER staff wishes Steve well in all his future endeavors and we offer him sincere thanks for a job exceptionally well done.

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persons 65 years and over had completed four or more years of college. In this category there were about three female college graduates for every two male graudates.

In 1979, 55.7 percent of families with householders 65 years old and older had a family income of less than $10,000. Less than one percent of families with householders 65 years old and over had a family income of $75,000 or more. The median family income in 1979 for families with householders 65 years and over was $9,008. Persons living in households accounted for 98.6 percent of the aggregate income for persons 60 years and over while only 1.4 percent was attributable to those living in group quarters.

HOUSING CONDITIONS

The majority of older Alabamians live in single-family homes they own. In 1980 there were 301,000 total occupied housing units in the state whose householder or spouse was age 65 or older. One quarter of these were occupied by renters. Eighty-three percent of owner-occupied and 57 percent of the renter-occupied homes were one-family units. Less than five percent of both the total occupied units and the renter-occupied units were mobile homes. Older people also shunned condominiums. Only 0.5 percent of the total occupied housing units were condominiums. Of the 1,413 condominiums in Alabama with an elderly householder, over half were rented.

A significant number of seniors live in houses that were built prior to 1949. Ten percent of the renters and 28 percent of the owners lived in housing at least that old. Many of these owners bought their homes before prices and interest rates reached today's heights. Some 87 percent of the owner-occupied noncondominium housing units with householders 65 years and over had monthly payments of less than $199.00.

Some of the housing units occupied by older Alabamians was substandard. Nearly 7 percent of the total occupied units lacked complete plumbing; this characteristic was found in 13 percent of rented units. Six percent lacked a complete kitchen; 11 percent of rented units lacked complete kitchens.

Other housing characteristics of older Alabamians indicate limited financial means, even if the house or apartment was not actually substandard. Ten percent of the total occupied units and 19 percent of rented units with an elderly householder had no telephone. Thirty percent of the total occupied units and 53 percent of rented units with a householder at least 65 years old were without a vehicle.

Almost half of these units which were either lacking complete plumbing, without vehicle available, lacking complete kitchen facilities, or with no telephone were renter occupied. About half of both the total occupied units and the rented units had no central heating system. Almost 30 percent of the occupied units without either a central heating system or air conditioning were rented.

In summary, occupied housing units with householder or spouse age 65 and over are more likely to owned than rented. These householders show strong preference for traditional single-family, detached housing regardless of whether they own or rent. If the housing unit exhibits some characteristic indicating lesser quality, such as lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities, the unit is more likely to be rented than owned.

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Alabama Retail and Wholesale Trade

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Retail and wholesale trade (referred to hereafter as trade) significantly contributes to both Gross State Product and total employment in Alabama. Trade accounts for about 16 percent of Alabama GSP, and one of every six working Alabamians is employed in trade.

Retail trade is by far the larger of the two kinds of trade, accounting for 75 percent of total trade employment. However, wages in the trade sector are low—about $12,000 annually on average—with the wholesale trade employee earning about twice as much as his counterpart in retail trade.

Recent trends. Alabama's trade sector had few rivals during the five-year period 1974-1978, growing in output value above inflation and employing an increasing number of people each year. For three of the subsequent five years, however, the trade sector had output growth below inflation and declined in employment.

Trade is an important source of jobs, particularly for the unskilled worker. Trade in Alabama employed 275,800 persons in 1979 and 278,300 in 1983. Trade employment trails only manufacturing and government, with the services sector a close fourth. A trend of increasing employment came to an end after 1979 and trade employment declined in each of the next three years. By 1982, 8,000 fewer persons were working in trade than in 1979.

However, the employment setback was not as severe as that for the state as a whole. Trade employment recovered strongly in 1983 and employed 2,500 more workers than in 1979. Trade accounted for 16.4 percent of total employment from 1979 through 1982 and 16.8 percent in 1983.

Wages in trade are among the lowest of any industrial or commercial sector. Within private, nonagricultural employment only the wages of apparel workers in nondurable manufacturing and those of service workers are lower. The average annual trade wage increased from $9,300 in 1979 to $12,150 in 1983. Growth in trade wages was steady but unspectacular during those five years, trailing increases in the Consumer Price Index by an annual average of 1.7 percent. Annual total payroll from trade topped $3.0 billion for the first time in 1982 and reached $3.4 billion by 1983. Although trade employs more than 16 percent of Alabama's workers, less than 10 percent of total personal income is derived from trade.

Workers in trade are productive, returning nearly two dollars in output for every dollar paid in wages. Trade workers place ahead of those in the manufacturing, construction, services, and government sectors in productivity. Trade productivity was estimated at $1.89 in 1979 and $1.94 in 1983.

Outlook. The value of output from the trade sector was $7.3 billion in 1984 and is expected to rise to $11.9 billion by 1990. Output growth is forecasted to be steady but modest, less than the growth rates in GSP in all years. Output growth for trade in Alabama should outpace inflation as measured by the CPI, however, and should grow at a faster rate than the trade sector for the nation as a whole. Comparatively modest output growth should lead to a slight decline in the importance of trade to the Alabama economy. Trade output contributed 16.5 percent of total GSP in 1984 and is expected to account for slightly less than 16.0 percent by 1989.

However, trade is expected to increase in importance as an employer during the balance of the 1980s. *Trade provided 290,000 jobs in 1984 and is expected to increase to more than 331,000 by 1990.* Growth in trade employment is expected to be steady but modest. In share of total employment, trade is expected to peak at 17.7 percent in 1980-1990.

Wage rates in trade should increase steadily, growing at rates above inflation as measured by the CPI. Wages in trade should remain modest relative to wages paid in other industries, however. The average trade worker can expect to earn $19,000 in 1990. By comparison, some manufacturing workers can expect more than $50,000 a year in wages at that time. Trade as a source for personal income should increase in importance but remain disproportionately low to employment share. Trade should account for 9.2 percent of total personal income in 1984, increasing to 9.4 percent in 1990. The increase in wages will come at the expense of productivity in the trade sector, although trade workers will remain comparatively productive. Trade workers are forecasted to return $1.93 in output for every dollar of wage in 1984 and $1.85 in 1990.

Retail Trade

Recent trends. Thus far, this decade has not been a good one for retailers. Total retail sales in Alabama were estimated at $18.8 billion in 1979, increasing to $24.3 billion in 1983. However, the rate of increase was below that seen in the Consumer Price Index. Retail sales increased at an annual average rate of 6.9 percent from 1979 through 1983, but this rate was buoyed by a 14.1 percent increase in 1983 alone. By comparison, the CPI grew at an average annual rate 8.8 percent for the same five-year period. *The general merchandise (department stores), apparel, furniture, automotive, lumber, and hardware categories all had estimated real (inflation adjusted) sales in 1983 that were below 1979 levels.*

Outlook. A period of sustained growth was forecasted to begin for retail sales in 1984. Retail sales were estimated to be $27.1 billion in 1984 and are expected to increase to $45.7 billion by 1990. The average annual increase in retail sales for 1984-1990 is forecasted at 9.5 percent, several points above the expected inflation rate as measured by the CPI.

Exceptional growth is in the forecast for the lumber and automotive categories, areas which were hard hit by the recent recession. *Growth in lumber and building materials sales should lead all retail categories, averaging 14.1 percent annually for 1984-1990.* The automotive category, which includes auto parts sales as well as new and used vehicle sales, should grow an average 13.0 percent annually during the forecast period. Eating places and "other" categories both are projected to increase in sales above the overall retail average. The average annual growth projected in these two categories is 10.3 percent.

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GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1984								1985				
	1983	1984	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production (1,000 net tons)	23,071	28,068	2,327	2,377	2,056	2,590	2,418	2,517	2,238	2,201	1,916	1,931	2,288	2,189	2,103
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	126,576	137,180	11,920	9,984	10,667	11,898	11,371	11,742	12,156	13,079	12,825	11,617	12,608	11,845	12,250
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	360,820	338,597	30,038	26,733	23,408	29,670	28,420	30,981	26,510	25,200	25,162	25,680	28,182	28,952	31,855
Crude oil and condensate production (1,000 barrels)	18,708	19,807	1,673	1,583	1,752	1,680	1,673	1,662	1,696	1,763	1,761	1,634	1,862	1,761	1,886
Electric energy consumption industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	21,020	24,250	2,005	2,104	2,039	2,146	2,135	2,097	2,063	1,971	1,912	1,960	1,892	1,931	1,829
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	6,166	6,514	525	561	534	559	540	571	520	496	533	509	578	496	550
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined ($1,000)	2,763,700	3,030,000	570,200	231,400	210,600	383,400	202,200	230,000	235,000	168,700	215,200	243,700	234,700	265,000	242,800
Residential	1,286,500	1,226,800	116,100	114,100	105,900	163,200	96,800	84,200	90,300	51,200	87,200	83,900	106,900	120,400	135,400
Nonresidential	1,025,800	930,000	93,000	71,300	60,700	137,900	43,900	88,100	84,200	89,500	90,300	133,100	35,000	97,400	68,100
Public works and utilities	451,300	873,400	361,200	46,400	43,900	84,200	59,300	57,800	60,500	28,000	37,500	26,900	92,800	47,100	39,400
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	1,086	1,197	112	117	102	110	105	105	100	83	64	70	111	125	125
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations ($1,000,000)	5,263	5,887	5,416	5,492	5,544	5,606	5,681	5,740	5,805	5,887	5,961	6,013	6,119	6,156	6,239
Tax collections ($1,000)															
Total	2,288,165	2,637,841	246,438	198,192	195,871	215,569	241,633	225,955	217,523	188,995	234,054	208,140	263,264	254,000	270,006
Franchise	52,214	64,476	1,275	2,504	8,422	2,315	6,357	4,799	2,537	292	743	1,415	31,254	7,315	3,700
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	199,587	207,095	17,585	17,564	17,504	17,752	18,217	16,284	17,697	16,942	17,148	16,883	14,472	16,799	17,339
Income	815,838	1,009,832	130,465	81,367	42,840	90,776	92,998	48,127	88,819	76,705	65,174	99,678	113,517	93,180	143,578
Motor fuels	45,027	50,278	4,703	3,735	3,580	5,287	3,166	4,583	5,374	4,679	3,572	4,033	3,943	3,682	5,151
Oil/gas privilege	89,645	70,183	5,571	5,438	5,605	9,662	5,294	5,319	4,829	6,159	5,629	5,747	7,786	5,357	4,841
Oil/gas production	17,290	17,331	1,480	1,437	1,478	1,322	1,409	1,413	1,287	1,649	1,504	1,537	2,173	1,433	1,279
Sales	609,132	704,299	56,985	58,145	57,514	56,957	58,767	81,495	58,477	52,785	74,362	50,419	55,423	61,037	61,265
2.2% Gross receipts	46,185	54,765	210	[illegible]	13,723		15	13,638	66		13,643		3	13,200	448
TVA electric	31,290	36,734	2,867	2,867	2,867	2,867	6,895		3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451
Tobacco	68,915	70,022	6,072	6,211	5,980	6,516	6,380	5,990	5,939	5,313	6,299	5,573	5,567	5,535	6,630
Use	66,519	75,723	2,019	604	16,868	1,310	1,419	18,146	1,389	531	18,440	842	846	17,614	944
Utility	152,287	151,261	9,654	11,225	12,587	14,277	12,234	10,527	11,889	13,322	16,356	12,754	14,381	10,308	12,290
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S. (1967 = 100)															
All items	298.4	311.1	309.7	310.7	311.7	313.0	314.5	315.3	315.3	315.5	316.1	317.4	318.8	320.1	321.3
Food	291.7	302.9	301.4	302.0	303.2	304.8	304.2	304.4	304.1	305.1	307.3	309.5	309.7	309.6	308.9
Housing	323.1	336.5	334.6	336.2	338.1	339.5	341.4	341.2	340.9	341.2	342.0	343.6	344.7	345.9	348.5
Fuel and utilities	370.3	387.3	385.5	390.0	393.9	395.5	397.0	392.4	387.5	386.0	387.2	386.5	388.2	388.7	393.0
Apparel and upkeep	196.5	200.2	198.9	197.4	196.6	200.1	204.2	205.7	205.2	203.2	199.8	201.8	205.3	209.8	205.3
Transportation	298.4	311.7	312.2	313.1	312.9	312.9	313.7	315.5	316.1	315.8	314.7	314.3	316.7	320.0	321.4
Medical care	357.3	379.5	376.8	378.0	380.3	381.9	383.1	385.5	387.5	388.5	391.1	393.8	396.5	398.0	399.5
Energy	419.3	423.6	426.1	428.5	428.3	427.3	429.0	426.7	421.8	418.9	414.5	411.4	416.6	424.4	431.7
Producer Price Index, U.S. (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	303.1	310.3	311.5	311.3	311.9	310.7	309.3	[illegible]	310.3	309.5	309.5	309.1	308.7	309.3	309.9
Industrial commodities	[illegible]	322.6	322.2	323.8	323.9	323.3	322.2	323.4	323.8	323.0	322.9	322.2	322.6	323.8	325.3
Index of prices received by Alabama farmers (1977 = 100)	121.3	127.9	134.0	127.0	129.0	121.0	122.0	115.0	119.0	114.0	117.0	117.0	119.0	114.0	115.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = $1.00)															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	335	321	323	322	321	319	318	317	317	317	318	315	314	312	311
Wholesale prices	330	322	321	321	321	322	323	323	322	323	323	324	324	323	323
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,758.0	1,794.0	1,804.8	1,821.5	1,815.0	1,807.5	1,808.3	1,816.4	1,801.5	1,797.5	1,794.7	1,796.2	1,797.6	1,808.3	1,802.0
Unemployment	240.0	200.0	188.8	200.6	211.6	196.0	197.9	190.8	192.3	208.0	203.7	196.9	193.1	164.8	157.4
Unemployment rate	13.7	11.1	10.5	11.0	11.7	10.8	10.9	10.5	10.7	11.6	11.4	11.0	10.7	9.1	8.7
Employment	1,518.0	1,594.0	1,616.0	1,620.9	1,603.4	1,611.5	1,610.4	1,625.6	1,609.2	1,589.5	1,591.0	1,599.3	1,604.5	1,643.5	1,644.6
Nonagricultural	1,328.8	1,383.6	1,385.8	1,403.1	1,391.6	1,396.3	1,390.8	1,398.0	1,400.4	1,394.5	1,383.0	1,384.5	1,382.4	1,399.6	1,400.8
Manufacturing	340.9	358.5	363.1	367.2	358.8	364.6	358.3	360.5	358.8	349.0	352.1	352.6	344.2	352.2	351.7
Durable goods	159.2	173.5	174.6	177.1	175.7	176.7	176.0	175.5	175.2	173.6	172.8	173.8	173.6	174.6	175.0
Lumber and wood products	27.9	29.7	29.8	30.4	30.6	30.8	30.4	30.1	29.5	29.4	28.8	28.9	29.1	29.1	29.3
Stone, clay, glass products	8.7	8.8	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	8.8	8.7	8.7	8.2	8.8	8.4	9.0	9.1	9.1
Primary metals	24.8	26.4	26.9	27.0	26.5	26.9	26.5	26.2	26.6	26.5	26.4	26.2	26.1	26.2	26.3
Blast furn. and steel works	5.7	7.4	7.8	7.9	7.7	7.6	7.2	7.2	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.6	7.6	7.8
Iron and steel foundries	10.5	10.1	10.2	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.2	10.1	10.2	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.3	10.5	10.4
Fabricated metals	21.8	23.0	23.0	23.1	23.2	23.4	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.5	23.3	23.4	23.1
Machinery (excl. electrical)	15.1	17.7	17.7	18.0	18.0	17.9	18.1	17.8	18.0	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.6	18.4	18.5
Electrical, electronic equip.	21.5	23.2	23.1	23.5	23.3	23.3	23.5	23.5	23.5	23.6	22.9	23.1	22.7	22.8	22.6
Transportation	21.7	25.3	25.2	25.9	25.8	26.0	26.2	26.6	25.9	25.7	25.5	26.0	25.8	26.0	27.0
Other durable goods	17.7	19.5	19.9	20.2	19.3	19.3	19.2	19.4	19.7	19.2	18.9	19.0	19.1	19.1	19.2
Nondurable goods	181.7	184.9	188.5	190.1	183.1	187.9	182.3	185.0	183.6	175.4	179.3	178.8	170.6	177.6	176.7
Food	27.0	28.0	27.8	28.2	28.3	28.4	28.4	28.8	29.0	28.2	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.8	28.9
Textile mill products	39.1	39.3	40.7	40.2	38.5	39.8	37.7	37.8	37.5	36.9	36.6	35.9	35.3	36.3	36.1
Apparel	54.9	55.0	57.6	58.3	52.8	56.3	53.3	55.5	54.2	47.2	50.7	51.2	43.7	48.9	49.0
Paper and allied products	21.5	21.3	21.2	21.7	21.7	21.5	21.2	21.1	21.2	21.1	21.4	21.2	21.3	21.8	21.3
Printing and publishing	10.6	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.3	11.2	11.4	11.3	11.4	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.6
Chemicals and allied products	11.6	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	11.9	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.6
Rubber products	14.8	16.0	15.7	16.1	16.3	16.3	16.3	16.2	16.3	16.5	16.3	16.3	16.0	16.3	16.2
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0
Nonmanufacturing	987.9	1,025.1	1,022.7	1,035.9	1,032.8	1,031.7	1,032.5	1,037.5	1,041.6	1,045.5	1,030.9	1,031.9	1,038.2	1,047.4	1,049.1
Mining and quarrying	13.7	14.4	14.3	14.6	14.6	14.7	14.8	14.2	14.6	14.7	14.7	15.0	14.9	15.0	15.2
Bituminous coal mining	10.3	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.1	9.6	10.0	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.6
Contract construction	59.8	64.5	64.2	66.8	67.4	67.4	67.9	66.2	65.2	66.6	63.7	62.3	65.7	67.3	66.2
Trans., comm., and utilities	69.7	72.1	72.3	73.4	72.7	73.2	72.5	72.7	72.5	72.4	71.4	71.4	72.0	72.5	72.6
Trade	273.3	290.3	287.7	291.3	292.1	295.2	296.3	296.2	303.5	292.5	289.7	290.6	293.4	293.8	
Wholesale	70.1	73.6	73.4	74.3	74.8	74.8	74.7	74.7	75.0	74.9	74.1	73.6	73.9	73.9	73.5
Retail	203.1	216.7	214.6	217.0	217.3	220.4	221.6	221.5	224.9	228.6	218.4	216.1	216.7	219.5	220.3
Finance, insurance, real estate	58.9	62.6	62.2	63.0	63.5	63.4	63.3	63.2	63.5	63.8	63.8	63.9	64.3	64.7	65.1
Service and miscellaneous	218.9	227.5	228.3	229.5	228.6	228.6	228.9	229.8	228.6	228.7	228.6	230.0	230.8	232.3	233.1
Government	292.7	293.8	293.7	297.2	293.9	289.2	288.9	295.2	297.3	295.4	296.2	299.6	299.9	302.2	303.1
Federal	65.3	64.8	64.1	64.5	64.8	65.1	65.0	65.0	65.4	65.5	65.5	65.7	66.1	66.2	66.4
State and local	227.3	229.1	229.6	232.7	229.1	224.1	223.9	230.2	231.9	230.3	230.7	233.9	233.8	236.0	236.7

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984								1985				
	1983	1984	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service *(number)*															
Job applications	207,309	212,083	17,512	18,528	20,564	20,649	16,081	21,966	18,684	13,391	21,285	16,261	18,276	17,001	19,428
Nonagricultural placements	91,100	97,761	7,314	9,582	14,871	14,203	7,719	7,844	6,543	4,876	5,229	4,821	6,204	6,961	7,951
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims *(number)*	428,181	435,832	25,009	23,457	50,560	37,376	29,346	36,116	35,891	41,032	74,659	34,635	32,416	29,881	29,414
Payments *($1,000)*	191,868	172,593	13,048	12,192	13,536	15,564	12,258	13,716	14,253	16,158	21,274	16,520	15,977	13,782	14,095
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)*															
Autauga	15,590	15,670	15,740	15,790	15,620	15,640	15,780	15,800	16,070	15,920	15,910	15,880	15,910	16,000	16,150
	14.2	9.6	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.4	9.3	8.6	10.9	10.5	10.1	9.5	9.1	8.5	9.0
Baldwin	34,220	35,530	34,840	35,460	35,830	35,400	37,450	35,440	35,630	37,380	35,550	35,830	37,120	36,270	35,530
	12.1	10.9	8.6	8.9	10.0	9.3	14.8	8.9	9.7	14.7	9.9	10.1	12.8	8.7	7.1
Barbour	11,990	12,220	12,410	12,380	12,300	12,320	12,480	12,740	12,340	12,200	11,930	11,950	12,450	12,190	12,280
	13.1	10.5	9.0	9.6	10.3	9.7	10.9	12.7	10.7	12.4	13.2	12.3	16.2	10.1	11.0
Bibb	5,960	6,240	6,270	6,370	6,320	6,380	6,310	6,250	6,300	6,210	6,210	6,190	6,180	6,170	6,280
	19.5	16.6	16.1	14.5	14.5	16.7	14.3	13.0	15.6	19.9	19.9	16.6	12.9	11.7	10.9
Blount	16,860	16,760	16,610	16,710	16,990	16,450	16,520	16,640	16,690	16,990	17,070	16,620	16,570	16,640	16,720
	15.0	11.0	9.4	9.2	11.1	8.6	9.1	9.5	10.4	11.8	12.3	9.6	8.6	7.4	8.1
Bullock	4,600	4,520	4,500	4,580	4,560	4,670	4,730	4,980	4,730	4,500	4,330	4,350	4,310	4,490	4,640
	17.2	14.5	11.1	14.8	17.1	16.9	14.4	16.0	14.8	17.6	16.8	15.4	13.3	12.6	14.9
Butler	9,790	9,800	9,810	9,880	9,920	9,870	10,000	10,190	9,710	9,650	9,560	9,560	9,660	9,550	9,610
	17.4	13.8	12.7	14.0	15.1	14.4	13.1	13.4	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.9	16.1	11.6	11.7
Calhoun	46,220	47,500	47,360	47,830	48,570	48,190	47,840	48,210	48,110	48,020	47,960	48,150	47,830	47,930	47,910
	13.1	11.3	10.0	10.6	13.7	11.7	10.6	11.2	11.5	11.2	11.4	11.7	10.9	9.3	10.2
Chambers	16,750	16,500	16,940	16,890	16,870	16,570	16,380	16,200	15,930	15,960	16,050	16,340	16,240	16,570	16,160
	9.8	9.3	10.5	10.9	11.6	9.7	9.0	8.9	8.3	8.4	9.2	11.6	11.4	9.6	9.1
Cherokee	11,500	11,670	11,930	11,130	11,580	12,090	12,320	12,290	11,620	11,080	11,000	11,090	11,010	11,150	11,300
	15.2	14.0	10.9	18.7	18.1	8.7	8.3	16.1	15.6	15.8	16.7	16.6	17.1	12.6	11.2
Chilton	15,530	16,180	16,510	16,290	16,020	16,070	15,950	16,030	15,980	15,520	15,840	15,780	15,730	16,040	15,900
	13.1	11.3	10.5	11.2	11.8	11.7	10.9	11.3	13.1	12.8	14.4	13.3	12.2	11.4	9.7
Choctaw	5,510	5,790	6,000	5,790	5,810	5,730	6,050	5,850	5,820	5,930	5,780	5,870	6,060	5,880	5,840
	15.1	16.3	13.8	14.1	18.4	14.4	22.4	18.6	15.1	22.9	16.0	16.2	23.2	13.8	16.4
Clarke	10,750	10,630	10,640	10,690	10,880	10,600	10,810	10,400	10,540	10,550	10,420	10,560	10,370	10,240	10,130
	16.2	14.3	12.7	12.9	15.0	13.1	19.8	12.9	14.0	18.7	11.9	12.8	16.5	9.9	9.0
Clay	7,360	7,580	7,760	7,600	7,560	7,740	7,740	7,670	7,610	7,580	7,530	7,360	7,600	7,370	7,600
	14.0	10.9	10.8	11.7	12.0	11.7	10.5	8.6	9.7	12.8	10.0	10.8	13.9	9.8	11.0
Cleburne	5,160	5,250	5,220	5,270	5,490	5,170	5,240	5,310	5,320	5,010	5,340	5,360	5,440	5,530	5,340
	12.5	10.2	8.6	10.5	14.2	10.0	8.1	8.2	11.7	12.0	11.6	12.7	15.4	12.1	9.4
Coffee	19,830	20,210	20,470	20,510	20,450	20,350	20,410	20,900	20,250	19,890	19,730	19,930	20,140	20,270	20,180
	10.9	8.4	8.2	8.2	8.7	7.9	8.2	8.2	8.1	8.3	7.7	7.8	8.2	6.5	6.1
Colbert	23,700	23,920	24,030	24,430	24,200	24,120	24,080	23,810	23,920	23,880	23,760	24,250	23,940	24,030	23,780
	18.7	16.4	16.1	16.2	16.7	15.4	15.2	14.7	15.5	16.6	16.8	18.0	16.3	14.8	14.4
Conecuh	6,970	7,210	7,290	7,160	7,170	7,060	7,680	7,420	7,350	7,650	7,280	7,290	7,580	7,340	7,310
	12.7	11.8	10.1	10.9	11.5	9.6	14.7	10.5	10.6	15.3	11.2	10.3	13.9	9.6	9.4
Coosa	5,500	5,600	5,590	5,570	5,540	5,620	5,770	5,710	5,700	5,690	5,830	5,670	5,820	5,770	5,850
	10.3	8.0	6.9	8.4	8.1	8.6	9.1	7.2	8.0	8.4	10.4	9.4	8.7	6.3	5.8
Covington	16,350	16,370	16,490	16,470	16,390	16,470	16,250	16,520	16,090	16,360	17,060	16,680	16,440	16,380	16,560
	12.2	9.9	9.0	9.2	10.6	9.4	8.0	8.9	8.6	10.8	15.1	12.6	13.3	10.1	11.8
Crenshaw	7,210	7,460	7,760	7,550	7,390	7,510	7,950	7,840	7,440	7,340	6,990	7,060	7,330	7,330	7,550
	12.1	11.0	10.3	9.8	10.3	9.5	16.0	8.0	9.1	16.7	10.3	10.3	17.0	8.0	8.1
Cullman	28,590	29,550	29,890	29,840	29,670	30,220	30,070	30,600	29,960	29,470	30,020	29,690	29,500	29,720	29,970
	14.7	11.5	9.7	10.3	11.0	12.3	9.6	10.4	12.3	13.9	15.3	13.3	11.1	9.7	9.0
Dale	22,200	22,740	23,040	23,070	22,850	22,690	22,960	23,210	22,920	22,840	22,630	22,810	23,630	23,300	23,310
	9.5	7.7	7.5	7.7	8.7	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.2	6.9	6.8	7.1	10.7	6.8	6.5
Dallas	23,290	23,130	23,110	23,490	23,430	23,660	23,510	23,690	23,250	23,140	23,160	23,160	23,050	22,920	23,130
	17.6	15.7	14.3	15.4	16.3	16.9	16.0	16.5	16.0	15.8	15.4	15.2	14.2	12.8	13.5
DeKalb	29,870	30,830	31,290	31,700	32,030	31,660	31,050	31,330	30,940	30,670	30,670	30,530	30,660	30,850	30,740
	13.8	10.8	9.9	10.5	10.9	9.5	9.7	10.2	10.8	12.4	12.6	12.3	12.0	10.9	10.0
Elmore	20,620	20,770	21,020	21,130	20,890	20,900	20,940	21,020	20,910	20,810	20,960	21,170	21,270	21,510	21,670
	12.2	7.7	7.7	7.9	7.8	7.3	7.5	7.0	7.4	7.4	7.7	8.2	8.0	7.9	8.2
Escambia	17,440	18,110	18,220	18,470	18,270	18,140	18,610	18,100	18,270	18,360	18,070	17,910	17,990	18,010	17,980
	12.5	12.1	11.1	10.6	10.8	10.1	16.9	10.3	11.8	17.0	11.0	9.5	15.1	8.8	9.1
Etowah	42,290	42,610	42,270	42,710	43,080	43,190	43,200	43,020	42,890	42,870	42,270	42,210	41,870	41,980	41,600
	17.4	13.4	11.9	12.1	13.7	13.3	13.4	13.5	13.9	14.7	14.3	14.0	13.0	11.2	9.9
Fayette	10,100	10,440	10,550	10,460	10,390	10,570	10,580	10,570	10,610	10,440	10,510	10,500	10,620	10,540	10,480
	11.7	9.5	8.2	8.7	9.8	10.1	8.9	10.3	10.5	12.2	14.6	13.7	17.4	12.8	12.9
Franklin	14,110	14,830	15,090	15,200	15,340	14,930	14,520	14,610	14,550	14,560	14,420	14,580	14,280	14,290	14,300
	18.2	18.6	17.1	15.6	20.8	17.3	16.2	15.7	17.9	18.9	20.5	20.2	15.3	13.8	13.3
Geneva	11,360	11,740	11,940	12,220	12,060	11,740	11,920	12,370	11,900	11,560	11,620	11,660	12,260	12,010	11,960
	10.4	8.2	7.6	7.5	9.4	7.2	6.8	8.3	8.3	8.9	10.6	9.2	22.5	8.7	7.3
Greene	4,650	4,760	4,690	4,820	4,800	4,840	4,910	4,880	4,750	4,740	4,660	4,780	4,780	4,660	4,650
	16.6	17.1	14.7	15.3	15.7	15.8	18.3	17.0	17.4	20.8	20.2	21.9	21.6	16.1	15.1
Hale	5,340	5,480	5,530	5,490	5,630	5,480	5,580	5,590	5,490	5,480	5,290	5,320	5,340	5,340	5,440
	16.5	17.1	14.6	16.5	20.6	17.3	16.7	14.8	16.3	18.3	16.9	16.7	15.7	12.9	13.2
Henry	7,240	7,290	7,590	7,400	7,250	7,320	7,580	7,750	7,480	7,150	7,090	7,160	7,390	7,520	7,540
	11.2	9.4	8.3	9.0	10.4	9.7	9.6	9.0	10.3	10.2	13.4	13.2	14.3	11.2	9.6
Houston	35,860	36,540	37,040	37,110	36,930	36,460	36,860	37,340	37,050	36,620	36,730	36,900	36,940	37,280	37,200
	11.3	9.0	8.9	9.1	10.5	8.5	8.5	8.8	9.1	8.8	9.1	9.1	9.5	7.7	7.2
Jackson	20,680	19,790	19,920	19,700	20,260	19,550	19,420	19,710	19,840	19,840	19,240	19,350	19,520	19,730	19,430
	22.1	16.8	14.3	15.5	21.3	15.4	14.0	14.1	14.7	19.3	14.8	15.2	15.1	14.1	12.3
Jefferson	302,570	303,510	305,490	309,490	308,440	305,990	304,420	305,220	300,770	301,180	300,140	301,670	301,150	304,610	303,290
	13.1	9.8	9.7	10.1	10.1	9.8	9.5	9.5	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.6	7.8	7.2	7.1
Lamar	8,860	9,340	9,410	9,550	9,490	9,320	9,410	9,480	9,530	9,460	9,520	9,620	9,600	9,680	9,610
	9.7	7.3	7.1	8.5	8.8	7.4	7.0	6.5	7.2	7.1	8.0	8.7	8.6	7.3	6.7
Lauderdale	35,050	35,600	35,540	36,270	[illegible]	36,140	35,930	35,880	35,660	35,060	35,300	34,980	34,750	34,730	34,510
	16.6	14.8	13.9	14.4	15.5	14.4	13.9	14.2	14.0	13.8	15.1	13.8	12.5	10.6	10.5
Lawrence	14,340	13,450	13,810	13,600	13,510	13,400	13,390	13,470	13,330	13,010	13,230	13,220	13,030	13,200	13,190
	18.8	15.1	15.6	14.6	15.2	13.7	13.5	13.0	14.6	14.8	15.3	15.3	12.1	11.5	11.6
Lee	35,870	38,470	39,050	39,530	38,290	38,310	37,820	38,820	39,080	38,850	39,030	39,190	39,130	39,370	39,280
	8.4	6.5	6.1	7.6	7.4	7.3	6.9	6.8	6.1	5.7	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.0
Limestone	19,310	20,230	20,400	20,170	20,060	20,130	20,650	21,100	20,830	20,740	20,810	21,160	21,340	21,860	22,180
	14.1	10.8	10.3	10.7	11.4	11.0	10.0	9.6	9.2	10.4	10.8	11.4	9.5	7.9	8.6
Lowndes	5,190	5,090	5,150	5,160	5,110	5,150	5,180	5,150	5,190	5,070	4,890	4,920	4,950	5,030	5,040
	17.9	18.3	18.4	19.3	20.4	19.9	18.9	17.1	16.4	16.7	16.9	17.5	16.4	16.0	14.7
Macon	7,950	8,150	8,040	8,390	8,360	8,310	8,070	8,540	8,300	8,210	8,220	8,340	8,380	8,470	8,560
	13.6	11.1	9.6	13.9	13.8	13.6	11.6	10.6	9.5	9.4	10.3	10.2	9.3	8.8	9.6
Madison	109,350	117,780	117,260	119,290	118,900	119,890	119,640	121,170	120,430	120,830	122,530	121,450	121,250	122,770	122,590
	6.5	7.1	6.8	7.2	7.3	6.6	6.3	6.8	6.3	6.7	7.9	6.6	6.0	5.8	5.6
Marengo	9,800	9,720	9,670	9,800	10,000	9,760	10,250	9,960	9,720	9,930	9,530	9,520	9,830	9,520	9,560
	15.5	14.2	12.0	13.3	15.7	12.3	20.0	13.9	12.3	18.8	13.3	14.4	19.1	11.2	10.3
Marion	13,700	13,580	13,630	13,770	13,810	13,680	13,530	13,710	13,620	13,750	14,000	13,610	13,440	13,450	13,190
	19.4	14.9	12.0	11.5	13.4	14.7	14.0	15.4	16.5	19.6	21.6	17.9	17.2	16.4	14.2
Marshall	31,080	33,050	33,400	33,460	33,720	33,060	33,120	33,390	32,900	33,560	33,140	32,930	32,690	32,970	32,810
	14.4	12.6	10.7	11.5	16.1	11.3	10.8	10.7	10.8	17.9	14.3	12.3	10.5	9.1	8.7
Mobile	162,590	164,730	165,770	168,260	167,720	167,210	164,480	166,680	165,400	164,050	164,810	164,440	164,180	166,910	165,310

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984								1985				
	1983	1984	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT.															
County data *(civilian labor force and unemployment rate)* —continued															
Monroe	10,670	11,140	10,830	11,010	10,900	10,950	12,520	11,050	11,170	11,940	10,790	10,730	11,160	10,810	10,710
	12.6	16.2	10.2	12.7	12.5	11.9	32.7	13.2	14.4	31.2	13.9	12.8	29.3	11.6	10.5
Montgomery	92,990	96,610	97,250	98,700	97,650	97,560	97,000	98,200	97,130	96,920	97,010	96,860	97,080	97,820	98,180
	10.5	8.8	8.3	9.4	9.3	8.7	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.3	7.7	7.3	6.9	6.9
Morgan	37,910	38,870	39,640	40,140	39,680	39,200	39,070	38,880	38,390	38,300	38,560	38,550	38,350	38,890	38,660
	14.5	11.5	11.2	11.7	11.9	11.0	11.2	10.9	10.8	10.6	11.7	14.1	9.4	8.9	8.1
Perry	5,850	5,820	5,770	5,920	5,890	5,970	5,990	6,030	6,130	6,010	5,900	5,780	5,830	5,920	5,970
	14.8	13.3	10.0	10.9	12.1	11.8	10.8	10.0	16.4	21.2	18.8	11.9	11.7	10.6	10.3
Pickens	7,510	7,080	7,200	7,270	7,170	7,140	7,030	7,070	7,000	6,900	6,960	7,110	7,000	7,130	7,210
	18.0	15.9	17.3	16.2	16.3	15.9	13.8	13.8	16.7	16.8	17.0	18.4	15.8	15.4	16.1
Pike	13,680	13,560	13,690	13,670	13,440	13,680	13,470	14,570	13,800	13,060	13,770	13,820	14,000	14,310	14,490
	13.7	10.1	9.0	10.1	10.4	10.2	10.3	8.7	8.7	10.7	8.7	8.2	8.6	7.8	6.9
Randolph	9,060	8,790	8,740	8,780	9,160	8,770	8,720	8,930	8,790	8,590	8,680	8,830	8,670	8,730	8,700
	17.9	14.9	13.3	14.4	22.2	17.0	15.7	14.1	12.0	10.7	11.6	18.1	10.7	10.0	9.4
Russell	18,120	19,290	19,090	20,460	19,650	19,310	19,040	19,190	20,070	19,480	19,950	19,160	19,220	19,470	19,440
	13.7	12.9	11.8	17.1	13.4	10.9	10.8	11.1	14.7	12.3	14.7	12.4	12.1	11.8	11.8
St. Clair	19,240	19,400	19,260	19,490	19,350	19,370	19,750	19,460	19,670	19,910	20,100	20,030	19,750	19,460	19,200
	14.2	11.5	10.1	10.4	10.1	10.6	12.4	10.9	12.5	13.4	14.3	13.6	11.7	8.9	7.9
Shelby	31,300	31,910	32,170	32,780	32,640	32,170	31,760	31,990	31,940	31,650	31,640	31,830	32,100	32,280	32,010
	12.1	10.3	10.3	11.2	11.2	10.3	9.3	9.7	10.2	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	8.4	7.9
Sumter	6,920	7,250	7,360	7,470	7,220	7,070	7,270	7,470	7,180	7,220	7,160	7,080	7,020	7,110	7,040
	14.3	11.5	9.9	12.8	13.3	12.7	10.7	10.1	11.5	13.5	13.5	12.7	14.0	11.7	11.4
Talladega	31,560	31,150	31,150	31,970	31,250	31,530	32,230	30,750	31,360	31,140	31,230	31,500	31,070	30,900	30,640
	17.2	15.8	14.3	16.1	15.5	16.7	20.6	14.3	16.9	16.9	18.3	18.8	16.6	13.8	13.2
Tallapoosa	16,600	17,300	17,370	17,850	17,780	17,810	17,290	17,290	17,160	17,010	17,120	17,050	17,080	17,170	17,100
	12.1	9.4	8.4	9.6	10.0	10.4	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.6	11.4	10.6	11.9	9.2	7.7
Tuscaloosa	56,310	58,150	59,210	58,230	57,550	58,040	58,450	58,940	58,770	58,670	57,840	59,050	58,900	59,340	59,200
	12.4	9.6	10.0	10.0	9.8	9.8	8.7	9.1	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.1	8.7	7.3	7.9
Walker	32,400	32,560	32,380	32,440	32,410	32,240	32,110	32,340	33,040	33,830	33,630	33,390	33,340	33,270	32,000
	16.3	13.3	12.2	11.6	17.8	11.8	11.5	12.0	14.4	16.3	15.9	14.9	14.1	12.4	9.2
Washington	6,330	6,490	6,680	6,460	6,620	6,410	6,730	6,670	6,450	6,380	6,280	6,160	6,270	6,090	6,160
	20.0	18.1	18.7	17.6	21.5	18.2	20.8	18.8	16.9	19.4	17.8	15.9	17.0	13.0	13.3
Wilcox	5,870	5,480	5,580	5,800	5,680	5,620	5,530	5,540	5,370	5,190	5,070	5,470	5,210	5,280	5,370
	20.2	15.3	15.7	15.9	16.7	15.3	14.7	14.2	13.5	13.3	12.4	22.0	14.7	13.3	12.3
Winston	9,030	9,260	9,410	9,290	9,080	9,060	9,060	9,460	9,370	9,530	9,420	9,340	9,040	8,980	8,850
	18.7	19.6	18.6	16.5	17.4	17.5	17.1	20.5	21.1	24.4	25.6	23.4	19.3	16.7	15.0
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value *($1,000)*	643,182	726,362	83,186	44,217	90,034	54,364	68,859	64,093	41,830	62,625	64,445	72,680	79,539	....	....
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	6,288	9,484	905	769	988	1,019	1,032	971	477	1,282	1,044	1,029	891	....	....
Exports															
Value *($1,000)*	788,611	622,949	60,111	47,488	31,808	44,217	42,139	62,763	80,528	65,538	59,759	38,630	61,395	....	....
Shipping weight *(1,000,000 lbs.)*	9,496	21,911	1,930	1,915	1,292	2,293	1,719	2,353	1,892	1,739	2,201	2,398	2,361	....	....
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile *(1,000 tons)*	34,916	38,790	3,266	3,413	3,307	3,549	3,362	3,445	3,524	3,262	3,151	3,083	3,028	3,062	3,279
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes *(1,000,000 kwh)*	23,017	24,285	1,607	1,968	2,445	2,384	2,339	1,861	1,785	1,911	2,108	2,400	1,733	1,617	1,733
Gasoline sales *(1,000 gallons)*	1,861,406	1,905,267	162,470	161,968	163,798	168,845	150,779	163,960	157,127	158,793	156,773	133,925	155,025	....	....
New passenger car registrations *(number)*	122,393	141,896	13,890	12,648	12,806	12,579	10,981	11,452	11,547	11,757	10,748	10,403	13,107	12,522	13,393
Taxable retail sales by kind of business, state totals *($1,000,000)*															
Food	....	3,648	301	303	311	309	310	304	304	328	309	291	315	307	310
General stores with food and gas	....	174	15	16	15	15	15	15	14	15	13	13	15	16	17
General merchandise	....	2,382	191	196	176	190	181	185	238	356	161	150	198	212	210
Apparel	....	568	45	47	41	48	45	46	52	77	38	35	52	50	46
Furniture, furnishings, etc.	....	544	44	45	47	46	43	46	49	56	44	39	49	44	46
Automotive	....	3,085	281	288	269	281	243	258	245	241	234	243	298	292	306
Gasoline service stations	....	296	26	26	26	26	24	26	23	25	24	22	25	26	27
Lumber and building materials	....	890	81	82	79	80	79	81	76	66	58	54	78	87	88
Hardware and farm implements	....	427	40	40	38	38	37	37	35	31	29	28	38	41	44
Eating places	....	1,292	104	106	112	117	110	109	107	119	99	96	119	112	120
Drug stores	....	264	24	25	19	21	20	20	21	29	26	22	20	21	24
All other retail	....	2,162	176	181	169	185	179	182	190	245	175	156	183	182	187
Total sales by retail concerns	....	15,733	1,330	1,355	1,301	1,356	1,288	1,308	1,355	1,586	1,210	1,149	1,391	1,389	1,424
Nonretail and unclassified concerns	....	2,617	229	228	219	228	230	225	214	240	180	173	209	224	226
Total all sales at retail	....	18,350	1,558	1,583	1,520	1,585	1,518	1,533	1,569	1,826	1,390	1,322	1,599	1,613	1,650
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties *($1,000)*															
MSAs															
Anniston	....	507,822	43,102	43,691	41,934	42,706	41,653	43,342	43,904	50,029	37,390	36,071	43,478	44,855	45,934
Birmingham	....	5,033,968	429,656	434,086	416,011	441,521	424,803	419,476	425,001	490,380	387,062	370,595	445,720	446,851	460,144
Dothan	....	643,424	56,012	57,229	53,804	54,947	50,937	54,591	54,311	63,766	48,048	47,737	54,855	55,471	56,512
Florence	....	612,853	51,571	52,275	51,047	52,215	49,322	51,903	52,832	64,692	43,832	40,892	52,335	54,384	53,281
Gadsden	....	459,526	38,952	39,527	41,831	41,119	37,104	38,486	37,089	44,540	33,264	31,322	38,531	39,309	42,836
Huntsville	....	1,049,464	88,103	89,286	86,598	89,902	84,845	87,093	92,202	108,857	78,897	76,238	92,008	95,895	96,373
Mobile	....	2,100,513	179,754	185,966	179,502	184,219	170,572	172,218	174,677	203,163	157,828	149,409	178,575	181,636	184,078
Montgomery	....	1,429,777	122,707	124,759	119,646	122,069	117,385	116,462	124,778	146,115	107,969	105,787	125,469	123,205	128,759
Tuscaloosa	....	631,313	52,066	53,322	51,062	55,374	53,491	53,170	53,091	64,761	47,080	47,096	55,293	55,376	57,027
Counties															
Autauga	....	96,667	8,137	8,436	8,420	8,216	8,064	7,966	8,243	9,240	7,466	7,887	8,845	9,022	9,344
Baldwin	....	341,693	30,045	30,896	31,162	31,427	28,090	28,121	27,839	30,539	24,741	24,421	30,182	31,201	31,918
Barbour	....	71,570	6,202	6,334	6,188	6,656	5,584	6,080	6,162	6,858	5,601	5,227	6,238	6,261	5,998
Bibb	....	41,387	3,674	3,711	3,266	3,621	3,270	3,500	3,782	4,200	2,991	3,045	3,493	3,690	3,720
Blount	....	89,047	7,750	7,935	7,471	8,243	7,349	7,952	7,453	8,581	6,934	6,793	8,052	8,183	8,907
Bullock	....	25,653	1,977	2,001	2,014	2,106	2,178	1,851	2,119	2,892	2,139	2,083	2,083	1,965	1,901
Butler	....	65,569	5,370	5,479	5,667	5,679	5,723	5,146	5,515	5,858	5,085	4,603	5,460	5,222	5,576
Calhoun	....	507,822	43,102	43,691	41,934	42,706	41,653	43,342	43,904	50,029	37,390	36,071	43,478	44,855	45,934
Chambers	....	107,006	9,382	8,917	8,913	8,922	8,447	9,082	9,187	9,895	8,248	7,542	9,060	8,908	9,426
Cherokee	....	47,896	4,340	4,432	3,861	4,172	3,756	4,016	3,799	4,399	3,755	3,415	4,089	4,593	3,952
Chilton	....	99,860	8,494	8,634	8,029	8,510	8,074	8,747	8,821	10,204	7,552	7,836	9,330	9,211	9,568
Choctaw	....	36,636	2,925	3,007	3,098	3,197	2,845	2,916	3,086	3,566	3,112	2,704	3,125	2,939	2,771
Clarke	....	98,644	7,937	8,061	7,671	8,821	8,257	8,669	8,799	10,071	7,889	7,376	8,728	8,932	9,271
Clay	....	26,407	2,243	2,285	2,172	2,267	2,194	2,171	2,231	2,569	2,010	1,939	2,129	2,242	2,492
Cleburne	....	22,197	1,986	2,000	2,093	1,897	1,756	1,878	1,711	1,691	1,592	1,377	1,916	2,297	1,998
Coffee	....	185,555	16,490	16,277	14,951	15,276	14,579	14,317	14,961	17,770	13,736	13,683	15,530	16,212	16,115

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984								1985				
	1983	1984	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert		249,903	21,733	22,031	21,515	21,620	20,081	20,961	20,465	23,844	17,391	17,164	21,172	21,832	21,248
Conecuh		37,513	3,080	3,051	2,968	2,862	4,323	2,822	2,973	3,633	2,746	2,682	3,246	2,906	3,050
Coosa		8,926	700	671	760	826	813	842	828	899	784	759	796	702	840
Covington		136,932	11,618	11,836	11,258	12,007	11,062	11,336	10,909	13,071	9,808	9,770	11,354	11,432	11,946
Crenshaw		30,733	2,533	2,561	2,466	2,348	2,179	2,666	3,077	3,155	2,539	2,505	2,976	2,998	2,895
Cullman		237,586	20,201	20,947	20,008	19,896	19,142	21,056	20,364	23,423	16,820	16,132	21,367	21,336	22,324
Dale		104,903	8,857	8,984	8,944	8,834	8,908	8,759	9,022	10,683	7,834	8,096	9,664	9,590	9,060
Dallas		199,126	17,279	17,387	16,277	16,468	16,192	17,141	17,231	19,639	15,386	14,206	16,768	17,514	17,283
DeKalb		180,369	15,558	15,868	14,959	15,492	14,942	15,254	15,823	17,560	12,329	11,470	15,282	15,866	16,440
Elmore		102,051	8,865	9,047	8,624	9,008	8,784	8,153	8,361	9,845	7,657	7,862	9,284	9,413	9,272
Escambia		141,758	11,746	11,940	11,383	11,532	11,279	12,263	11,884	14,710	10,567	10,413	11,948	12,582	13,471
Etowah		459,526	38,952	39,527	41,831	41,119	37,104	38,486	37,089	44,540	33,264	31,322	38,531	39,309	42,836
Fayette		64,908	5,683	5,755	4,967	5,280	5,730	5,116	5,079	6,385	4,372	4,574	5,223	5,193	4,680
Franklin		99,521	8,434	8,635	8,147	8,527	8,174	8,022	8,784	9,789	7,814	7,155	13,242	8,439	8,179
Geneva		144,817	12,455	12,504	11,657	11,908	11,847	11,669	12,646	13,662	11,366	11,273	12,057	12,208	12,564
Greene		18,306	1,614	1,639	2,062	1,611	1,388	1,509	1,397	1,479	1,231	1,116	1,338	1,444	1,165
Hale		31,288	2,805	2,854	2,528	2,783	2,601	2,522	2,509	2,712	2,497	2,190	2,684	2,707	2,792
Henry		35,727	2,956	3,011	2,953	2,999	3,280	2,790	3,225	3,684	3,330	2,853	2,998	3,203	3,004
Houston		538,521	47,155	48,245	44,860	46,113	42,029	45,832	45,289	53,083	40,214	39,641	45,201	45,881	47,452
Jackson		136,570	11,322	11,636	11,259	12,662	11,336	12,096	12,170	13,530	10,284	10,319	12,752	12,487	12,142
Jefferson		4,279,261	363,040	366,693	351,955	374,526	362,228	355,299	361,276	420,620	326,812	314,873	377,141	377,080	388,335
Lamar		37,982	3,428	3,472	3,128	3,078	2,965	2,959	3,154	3,282	2,802	2,453	3,246	3,173	3,000
Lauderdale		362,950	29,838	30,244	29,532	30,595	29,241	30,942	32,367	40,848	26,441	23,728	31,163	32,552	32,033
Lawrence		51,749	4,589	4,677	4,109	4,443	4,239	4,404	4,548	5,267	3,834	3,745	4,566	4,665	4,956
Lee		346,611	29,222	29,605	28,061	29,073	29,673	29,365	30,576	34,909	25,244	24,547	29,913	30,421	31,652
Limestone		161,472	14,100	14,358	13,124	13,888	13,414	13,103	13,968	15,810	12,216	12,226	14,752	14,903	14,757
Lowndes		16,851	1,462	1,480	1,336	1,366	1,372	1,437	1,411	1,773	1,428	1,571	1,757	1,602	1,801
Macon		45,104	3,760	3,838	3,770	4,291	4,001	3,661	3,636	3,982	3,652	2,924	3,384	3,538	3,572
Madison		1,049,464	88,103	89,286	86,598	89,902	84,845	87,093	92,202	108,857	78,897	76,238	92,008	95,895	96,373
Marengo		69,337	5,510	5,634	5,465	5,847	5,488	5,903	6,440	7,228	6,062	5,512	5,984	6,118	6,187
Marion		95,310	7,926	8,140	7,813	7,998	7,852	7,633	8,331	10,053	7,627	6,604	8,390	8,603	9,107
Marshall		339,419	29,289	29,833	28,261	29,634	28,249	28,412	29,520	33,451	25,127	24,625	31,291	32,798	33,007
Mobile		1,758,820	149,709	155,070	148,340	152,792	142,482	144,097	146,838	172,624	133,087	124,988	148,393	150,635	152,160
Monroe		102,728	7,711	7,940	7,721	9,954	9,190	8,969	11,484	10,934	6,091	5,993	8,248	7,852	8,322
Montgomery		1,231,059	105,705	107,276	102,602	104,845	100,537	100,343	108,174	127,021	92,846	90,038	107,340	104,770	110,143
Morgan		452,944	38,551	39,147	36,426	38,736	38,015	38,347	40,549	47,153	32,703	31,751	40,493	43,424	45,014
Perry		25,163	2,148	2,171	2,096	2,313	2,378	2,165	1,998	2,163	1,763	1,784	2,096	2,079	2,048
Pickens		41,346	3,639	3,696	3,451	3,567	3,319	3,596	3,300	3,777	2,795	2,858	3,490	3,642	3,520
Pike		90,733	7,582	7,501	7,154	7,896	7,633	8,020	7,762	9,021	7,710	6,591	7,690	7,612	8,272
Randolph		57,905	4,792	4,861	4,674	4,447	4,674	4,794	5,187	5,351	5,444	4,488	4,920	4,742	4,603
Russell		121,362	10,380	10,419	10,384	10,772	10,004	10,337	10,109	11,824	9,086	8,647	10,197	11,204	10,808
St. Clair		120,986	10,753	10,936	10,100	10,278	10,194	10,528	9,515	10,819	9,035	9,332	11,655	11,808	10,192
Shelby		253,335	22,707	22,939	21,957	23,310	20,983	21,059	20,984	21,848	21,133	18,052	22,828	22,764	23,155
Sumter		30,980	2,410	2,508	2,530	2,556	2,434	2,610	2,890	3,107	2,488	2,255	2,555	2,684	2,436
Talladega		240,099	22,808	21,296	20,635	19,735	18,619	19,191	20,116	23,681	18,172	17,332	20,313	21,164	24,066
Tallapoosa		127,478	11,410	11,589	10,720	10,386	9,840	10,119	10,767	11,807	9,523	8,752	10,587	11,117	11,844
Tuscaloosa		631,313	52,066	53,322	51,062	55,374	53,491	53,170	53,091	64,761	47,080	47,096	55,293	55,376	57,027
Walker		291,339	25,406	25,583	24,528	25,164	24,049	24,638	25,773	28,512	23,148	21,545	26,044	27,016	29,555
Washington		21,464	1,931	1,971	1,695	2,022	1,791	1,898	1,630	1,785	1,498	1,586	1,690	1,729	1,622
Wilcox		27,099	2,406	2,468	2,356	2,313	2,227	2,290	2,189	2,605	2,115	2,035	2,204	2,114	2,170
Winston		71,279	6,434	6,442	5,736	6,074	5,991	5,652	5,926	6,690	5,532	5,119	6,704	6,445	6,778
Statewide		973,642	75,661	78,120	76,374	82,130	83,107	86,150	86,089	107,027	79,861	65,031	83,463	80,558	79,649
BUILDING PERMITS															
Alabama															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	1,079,085	1,258,032	97,366	115,116	99,776	147,117	80,497	84,514	95,153	105,139	60,081	65,750	123,177	108,071	116,575
Residential	449,881	438,383	38,102	43,568	36,909	42,389	33,332	36,966	36,682	20,874	25,969	28,712	45,287	52,029	51,647
Nonresidential	366,127	586,743	42,724	53,582	44,597	79,263	27,171	29,249	36,821	66,040	21,592	28,887	60,384	41,663	43,334
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	8,848	8,869	915	842	833	749	694	737	669	613	659	627	826	844	758
Residential	3,593	3,530	408	324	322	317	248	256	255	263	258	272	384	329	330
Nonresidential	932	1,213	117	139	104	92	90	95	93	76	111	73	96	110	104
Birmingham															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	213,343	104,141	5,562	8,258	8,169	14,214	10,005	5,797	12,365	13,105	5,535	11,188	14,508	10,021	33,770
Residential	31,921	15,598	814	1,299	763	1,285	1,271	1,076	963	802	773	1,241	1,301	1,615	6,605
Nonresidential	108,370	25,706	768	2,963	2,369	1,967	3,606	4,675	1,568	5,114	2,057	2,717	8,497	8,406	21,476
Decatur															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	14,095	18,028	1,520	1,342	1,909	2,170	1,767	1,920	1,720	1,476	1,444	1,133	1,939	2,051	1,895
Residential	7,340	11,596	1,096	925	1,080	1,357	1,053	1,142	1,052	897	814	570	1,138	1,189	906
Nonresidential	2,156	2,744	172	171	355	429	318	347	294	249	283	226	398	402	760
Dothan															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	18,943	17,520	1,326	1,514	901	1,599	1,344	1,857	2,461	1,458	967	886	830	2,986	1,484
Residential	7,760	6,718	448	759	182	226	370	670	1,405	203	324	432	399	556	703
Nonresidential	6,339	5,478	238	257	125	641	666	860	680	483	58	118	46	2,098	597
Gadsden															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	13,596	9,310	1,351	865	166	260	886	2,546	1,057	215	123	288	964	241	834
Residential	2,006	2,129	976	219	26	74	46	53	128		56	103	462		126
Nonresidential	3,912	5,826	122	493	1,101	143	813	2,331	894	188	40	141	474	144	50
Huntsville															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	122,759	147,927	13,997	13,853	14,007	14,163	6,626	8,187	13,808	19,407	6,178	6,268	24,795	15,973	13,031
Residential	51,350	55,064	3,753	6,032	3,331	6,078	2,825	2,982	8,817	1,593	2,863	1,440	3,194	2,683	5,377
Nonresidential	45,128	73,370	8,366	5,970	9,394	6,045	3,339	3,835	3,266	15,945	2,668	2,755	18,064	11,107	5,444
Mobile															
Building permits (*$1,000*)															
Reported value	109,508	254,605	6,250	36,928	6,707	4,020	6,484	10,322	10,320	31,156	7,730	4,770	6,893	5,991	8,130
Residential	38,261	26,314	2,009	6,935	3,208	1,071	1,201	2,636	1,673	1,065	1,478	1,738	1,234	1,372	2,927
Nonresidential	49,663	197,690	3,331	28,665	2,127	1,153	3,886	2,288	7,264	28,688	5,120	2,165	4,458	3,185	2,775

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984								1985				
	1983	1984	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
BUILDING ACTIVITY —CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	76,984	94,862	6,994	7,007	8,192	8,070	7,254	8,188	11,037	6,049	6,554	6,027	8,624	9,126	8,160
Residential	32,619	35,697	2,493	2,528	3,504	3,361	2,991	3,262	5,463	2,557	2,140	3,036	3,836	4,096	4,356
Nonresidential	28,264	46,198	3,043	3,059	3,719	3,896	3,407	4,000	5,193	2,843	3,750	2,321	3,960	4,060	[illegible]
Quad-Cities															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	12,978	39,267	4,910	260	2,223	1,799	2,246	1,917	800	[illegible]	591	532	1,416	2,138	1,707
Residential	6,391	7,172	792	323	633	721	533	430	381	126	351	177	704	606	328
Nonresidential	3,506	23,675	3,887	614	1,265	160	196	323	178	12,150	48	51	379	442	388
Selma															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	4,197	7,002	356	158	994	184	819	593	309	312	36	109	184	73	237
Residential	357	643	82	117	148	75		76	35		36	109	184	73	237
Nonresidential	798	1,908	35		7		617	4	188	167					
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits *($1,000)*															
Reported value	30,159	34,459	4,323	4,183	1,719	2,805	2,463	2,228	3,713	3,739	1,420	7,960	3,678	8,403	5,621
Residential	14,849	15,717	2,153	1,284	737	1,634	1,356	789	1,268	1,218	693	4,328	2,792	6,726	1,951
Nonresidential	6,227	10,707	1,529	1,901	615	360	552	1,145	664	2,029	100	2,933	493	876	2,896

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

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End-of-month balance.

Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index consists of "All Urban Consumers." Prior to that date it included only "Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers." Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by wholesale distributors.

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Retail sales data represent sales at retail **which are subject to sales tax** as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other nonretail firms as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail thus defined should not be confused with all sales (including nonretail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census *of Retail Trade*. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "Statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties. It does not represent a state total.**

Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

DISCRETIONARY INCOME

The term "discretionary income" is widely used to denote the money available for luxuries and the good life after all necessary expenditures. This raises the age-old dilemma of where to draw the line between necessity and luxury. The Conference Board and the U.S. Bureau of the Census have worked out formulas to study discretionary income by defining it as the amount of money that would permit a family to maintain a standard of living higher than the average of that of similar families. Some of the highlights of their findings are as follows:

*Spendable discretionary income is largely concentrated in the broad age group 40 to 64. That age class includes 39 percent of all homes but accounts for 53 percent of spendable discretionary income.

*The 65-and-over age bracket is also an important segment of the luxury market, largely because of its size. It accounts for over 17 percent of all spendable discretionary income.

*The discretionary income market consists largely of households with two or more persons in the labor force. Such homes represent about 41 percent of all households, but have some 63 percent of all discretionary resources.

*The discretionary dollar is a well-educated dollar. While less than 35 percent of the nation's household heads have had at least some exposure to college, they have accounted for 60 percent of total discretionary spending power.

These highlights are from the booklet *A Marketer's Guide to Discretionary Income* available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office.

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The Economy in Perspective

Focus on Escambia County

Escambia County is located in the west south central part of Alabama. In 1980, 38,440 people lived in the county, with 40 percent of the population residing in the county's two largest cities, Atmore and Brewton, respectively. In 1980, 48.1 percent of the county was urban compared to 60 percent in Alabama. Approximately one-third of Escambia County's population was nonwhite in 1980 compared to one-fourth of the state's population.

In 1980 both Alabama and Escambia County had nearly 60 percent of their populations among the 16 to 64 age group. Close to one-third of both the county's population and the state's total population were under 18 years old in 1980. The state and the county experienced hefty declines in the number of persons 18 years old and under between 1970 and 1980. While both Escambia County and Alabama showed relatively small percentages of elderly persons in 1980, the number of persons 65 and over increased significantly from 1970 to 1980. Escambia County and the state are joining the nation in an increasing elderly population.

Although Escambia County has close to 60 percent of its total population in the age group suitable for employment, unemployment is an issue. In 1982 Escambia County experienced double digit unemployment at a rate of 13.2, somewhat below Alabama's rate of 14.4, but above the U.S. rate of 9.7. Between 1982 and May, 1985, the unemployment rate for Escambia County decreased significantly. In May, 1985, the county's rate equalled 9.1, slightly above the state's rate of 8.7 and the U.S. rate of 7.0.

In 1984 the majority (77.7 percent) of Escambia County residents who were employed were in wage and salary jobs. Of those employed in wage and salary positions, approximately one-third were in manufacturing, particularly nondurable. Both Atmore and Brewton, the two largest cities in the county have large manufacturing industries, specifically women's and children's apparel and paper and allied products. Almost one-fourth of the county's employed are in the government sector, probably reflective of the presence of the Atmore Corrections facility. Close to one-fifth of those employed were in the trade sector and 11 percent were in services and miscellaneous. Less than 5 percent were employed in each of the other wage and salary industries.

Relative to other counties in Alabama, Escambia County is not poor. In 1982 Escambia County ranked 18th among Alabama's counties with respect to per capita personal income. In 1982 the per capita personal income for Escambia County was $8,108, representing a 21.2 percent increase from the 1980 figure of $6,689. The state average did not increase nearly as rapidly, experiencing only a 15.6 percent increase in per capita income from 1980 to 1982. However, the 1982 per capita personal income for Escambia County equalled only 94 percent of the state's per capita income of $8,647. Thus, although Escambia County's income is growing at a rate faster than the state average, it has not yet caught up to Alabama.

In 1980 the median family income for Escambia County was $14,113 compared to $16,353 for Alabama. The median family income for Brewton was $17,206, above that for both the county and the state. The number of families with income in 1980 below the poverty level equalled 16.4 percent for Escambia County and 14.8 percent for Alabama.

In 1983 wage and salary earnings increased 24.2 percent over 1980. Nonfarm industries provided the majority of earnings for Escambia County, experiencing a 25.4 percent increase between 1980 and 1983. The greatest employment opportunities in the county are in manufacturing. During the period 1980 to 1983, earnings in manufacturing increased 34.5 percent. Specifically, earnings produced by nondurable manufacturing increased 34.0 percent. Other significant contributors included government and government enterprises which increased 30.5 percent between 1980 and 1983 and state and local government with a 29.5 percent increase during the same period.

The citizens of Escambia County have a relatively high level of educational attainment. In 1980, 51 percent of the population 25 years old and over graduated from high school, significantly greater than the 35 percent in 1970. In Alabama 56 percent of the population 25 and over completed high school, increasing from 41 percent in 1970. Only 7.2 percent of the adult population in Escambia County graduated from college compared to 12.2 percent for Alabama. In 1980 the median school years completed for Escambia County residents was 12.0, ranking the county 21st in the state. The median school years completed for Alabamians as a whole was 12.2.

In summary, Escambia County appears to have a positive future. The educational attainment of its citizens is quite high, with 51 percent of the population 25 years and older completing high school. While unemployment remains an issue, the rate has decreased significantly since 1982 and is no longer double digit. The county's per capita personal income increased 21.2 percent between 1980 and 1982. Even though per capita income and employment opportunities are improving, Escambia County remains behind Alabama. Conscientious activities toward expanding job opportunities and increasing income levels may help to insure continued growth for Escambia County.

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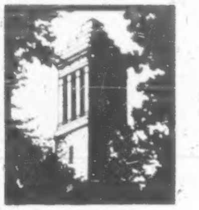

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